



Pearson

End-point Assessment for Large Goods Vehicle Driver (LGV) (Level 2)

Addendum to Specification 30th June 2020

Guidance on temporary discretion

The National Skills Academy for Rail (NSAR) has announced a Covid-19 temporary discretions for the above EPA.

This agreed temporary discretion relates specifically to the Practical Driving Assessment and can be found on the NSAR website:

<https://www.nsar.co.uk/corona-virus-covid-19-guidance/>

Agreed temporary discretion

The agreed temporary discretion is to replace the Practical Driving assessment with an alternative assessment comprising witness testimony and professional discussion conducted by Pearson's Independent End-point Assessor (IEA).

The other component of this End-Point Assessment will be unchanged as follows:

Component	Change as Result of Agreed Discretion
Knowledge and Behaviours test	None
Practical Driving assessment	Witness testimony Professional discussion with IEA (one hour, 10% increase at discretion of IEA)

General Points

This alternative method (the agreed discretion) is not mandatory. The apprentice retains the option to pause EPA, until such time that an onsite practical observation can take place safely.

Retakes/resits can be undertaken via this alternative method and/or paused to await the original observation method.

There is no change to grading outcomes from those detailed in the assessment plan for the Practical Driving assessment: Pass/Distinction.

This discretion will be in place until further notice.

Witness testimony

The witness must be occupationally competent or have responsibility for the occupational competence of people working in the apprentice's role.

The witness must have been trained by Pearson in the assessment requirements of the witness testimony, including training in familiarisation with the assessment criteria and associated NSAR Assessment Plan Guidance Notes and NSAR Distinction Criteria Guidance Note.

The witness testimony is obtained prior to the professional discussion being conducted; the professional discussion will take the witness testimony into consideration. Any apprentice who is recorded as not passing the witness testimony is not put forward for professional discussion and, in these circumstances, their assessment is then delayed until Covid-19 government guidance is changed and a Practical Driving assessment (observation) can take place.

Witness testimony should be recorded on the form provided by Pearson, in sufficient detail to enable Pearson to make a robust assessment judgement against each assessment criterion, which will allow for Pearson assessment, internal quality assurance and scrutiny.

The witness is not required to participate in the professional discussion.

Professional discussion

The professional discussion must be conducted by the IEA and must be taken remotely following appropriate security and quality assurance practices. It must take place in a controlled environment, ie in a quiet place away from the apprentice's everyday working environment with no interruptions or distractions.

The IEA will agree the date for the professional discussion with the apprentice. The witness testimony form must be uploaded to ACE360 at least five working days before the agreed date.

The IEA will make all usual identification checks, including checking of the apprentice's photo ID, e.g. driving license, passport or work ID at the pre-assessment briefing session.

The duration of the session must be a maximum of one hour, but this can be extended by 10% at the IEA's discretion.

The IEA must have read the witness testimony form before conducting the session, and must complete Part 1 of the IEA form, which relates to the witness testimony.

The questions asked will be designed to confirm, explore or clarify aspects of the activities described in the witness testimony. It is not necessary for the IEA to ask a question on every learning outcome covered in the witness testimony; only those performance criteria which require inclusion in the professional discussion (as defined by the NSAR) are included on Part 2 of the IEA form, which covers the professional discussion.