

MOT SPECIAL NOTICE

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All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes

All Classes

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Item 1: Requirements for Authorisation

The Requirements for Authorisation for Authorised Examiners (AEs) and Vehicle Test Stations (VTSs) have been amended following a full review and the new November 2009 requirements will be published on the Business Link website shortly. These are now considered to be the current requirements and can be used immediately from the date of publication. VOSA will however, continue to accept applications to the previous (2004) requirements until 31 December 2009. Existing applications already received will not be affected.

Where possible the requirements have been simplified or removed if considered out dated. However in a few instances the requirements have been tightened or additional items added.

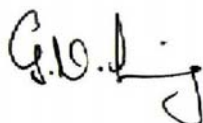
For example the requirements for an AE to have an approved site and for applicants to provide character references have been removed. While the exclusion of persons declared bankrupt to be accepted as applicants has been included.

For VTSs whilst, the majority of the dimensional requirements have decreased, there are a few which have been increased e.g. clearance behind the headlamp aim tester and around a lift which have increased from 500 to 600mm. However, these changes overall will make upgrading to one person testing or installation of new equipment much easier for many existing VTSs.

Other changes include mandatory diesel testing equipment for all new applications in Classes 4, 5 & 7 plus a mandatory requirement for calibrated weighing equipment for Classes 1 & 2. None of these requirements however, will apply retrospectively.

AEs are reminded that these are the minimum requirements acceptable and you should think carefully before deciding on your layout as it may affect the size or type of vehicle you will be able to test.

The Applications Pack containing all the requirements can be found on line via Business Link at <http://www.businesslink.gov.uk> and then follow the bread crumb trail Home> Your business sector> Transport and logistics> MOT testers> Getting started as an MOT vehicle tester> Set up an MOT vehicle testing station



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All Nominated Testers must acknowledge via the VTS Device that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice.