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To All Approved Driving Instructors and Approved Motorcycle Instructors

Last night the NI Executive agreed to introduce further lockdown measures from **00:001 on 26 December**, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The restrictions will be in place for six weeks, which means that driving instruction, as a close contact service, will once again be **suspended from 26 December until 5 February inclusive**.

Similarly, both driving theory tests and practical driving tests will also be suspended for six weeks from 26 December. **Theory tests will resume on 6 February, and practical driving tests will resume on 8 February.**

Motorcycle instruction and motorcycle practical tests are not affected by the latest suspension.

Over the next few days we will be contacting practical test customers to let them know their test has been cancelled, by text, email or by letter, depending on the information they provided when booking their test.

We will also be contacting theory test customers over the next few days to let them know their test has been affected by the lockdown restrictions. Theory test appointments currently scheduled between 29 December and 5 February will be moved into a 'virtual test centre': this is just a holding appointment, and candidates should go online and change to a date and time which suits them or cancel to get a full refund.

We are working hard to contact all affected customers, but if you are aware of any of your pupils being scheduled to have a theory or practical driving test in the six weeks from 26 December, then we would ask you to make them aware of the latest position as well.

We know these are very worrying times for you all and will continue to work with you over the coming weeks.

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