

FOI Request (received 05 September 2021) - Reference: DFI/2021-0325

Please supply the information requested from DVA regarding JAUPT, Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training, listed below as a private limited company, registration number, 06325313.

1. Date DVA awarded contract to JAUPT to administer driver CPC for LGV - PCV - TAXI?
2. Dates of renewal contracts that have been awarded to JAUPT by DVA for LGV - PCV - TAXI, driver CPC?
3. Have NI Executive, Public procurement, Directives, regulations, policies, and guidance relating to the procurement of supplies, services, and works for the public sector, been adhered to?
4. Where, When and How was this contract advertised?

Response (issued 27 September 2021)

Thank you for your email correspondence of 5 September 2021 seeking information from the Department under the Freedom of Information Act.

You requested the following information:

1. Date DVA awarded contract to JAUPT to administer driver CPC for LGV, PCV and Taxi.
2. Dates of renewal contracts that have been awarded to JAUPT by DVA for LGV, PCV and Taxi driver CPC.
3. Have NI Executive, Public procurement, Directives, regulations, policies and guidance relating to the procurement of supplies, services and works for the public sector been adhered to?
4. Where, when and how was this contract advertised?

I will respond to each of your points in the order you raised them.

1. The Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) in Great Britain (GB) is the lead organisation for the tripartite contract between the DVSA, the Driver & Vehicle Agency (DVA) and Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training (JAUPT). The contract with JAUPT was entered in 2012;
2. The contract with JAUPT was extended in 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020 and 2021.

3. The contract with JAUPT was extended for an additional year from 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2022. It was not tendered in its current form as the intention is for DVSA to bring the majority of this service in-house, with any residual requirement to be competitively tendered. The in-housing activity was delayed due to COVID-19, but is expected to be implemented by 31 March 2022.

The extension was permissible under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 as:

- a) The need for the extension has been brought about by unforeseen circumstances, as COVID-19 led to resource being diverted elsewhere, which delayed bringing the services in-house;
 - b) There is no modification to the nature of the contract; and
 - c) The value of the extension does not exceed 50% of the original contract value.
4. The awarded contract extension, from 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2022, was published on contracts finder: [Driver CPC, Taxi Schemes and Drink Drive Rehabilitation - Contracts Finder](#).

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