

## **FOI Request (received 09 March 2022) - Reference: DFI/2022-0091**

Under Freedom of Information I would ask you to tell me please:

1. How much money is raised from the CPC courses?
2. What percentage of that money goes directly to the infrastructure in NI?
3. What percentage of that money goes to the CPC provider?

## **Response (issued 07 April 2022)**

Thank you for your email of 9 March 2022 requesting information from the Department in relation to Driver CPC training under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department for Infrastructure does hold information relating to your requests. I will respond to each of your questions in the order you raised them.

1. The Driver & Vehicle Agency (DVA) is the competent authority for Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (DCPC) and Taxi Driver Periodic Training (TDPT) in Northern Ireland. The Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training (JAUPT), a not-for-profit company, was established to manage the application process and quality assurance of centres and courses for periodic training for DCPC and TDPT on behalf of the DVA and the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) in Great Britain. In order to be approved to deliver DCPC training and TDPT, training providers must meet a number of appraisal criteria, assessed by the DVA and JAUPT, at both centre and course level.

The charge for approval of a training centre is £1,500. The charge for approval of a training course is £36 per hour of the course, so the approval charge for a 7-hour course is £252. Centre approval allows a training centre to run for 5 years and course approval allows a training provider to deliver the approved course for 1 year. These charges contribute to the cost of administering the application and quality assurance processes.

However, whilst DVA and JAUPT manage the approval and quality assurance of DCPC and TDPT, the actual fee that training providers charge to trainees for the delivery of DCPC and TDPT courses is set by the training provider and is not regulated by the Department. The Department does not receive any part of that fee.

2. None of the money that training providers charge for DCPC and TDPT courses goes directly to the infrastructure in Northern Ireland. As outlined above, the income from course approvals is used by JAUPT and the DVA to cover the administration costs of the

scheme, including approval and quality assurance. Training providers are also charged a mandatory fee to upload training hours to the DVSA system. This fee is currently £1.25 per hour, per driver and this contributes to the costs of running and maintaining the system by the DVSA.

3. The full DCPC or TDPT course fee charged to the driver by the training provider is retained by the training provider.

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