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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Group Chairpersons and Secretaries

CC: NGC, RCO'S, RMA'S & IAM HO Staff

FROM: Peter Rodger – Chief Examiner

DATE: 5th June 2008

RE: Points on Driving Licences

Until now it has not been possible for someone with nine or more points on their driving licence to take the IAM advanced driving test. Similarly there has been a restriction on people who have been disqualified from driving taking the test, until a period equal to the length of their disqualification period has elapsed.

With immediate effect I am pleased to announce that these two restrictions are both removed, thus allowing those who it may be argued are most in need of our help to undertake preparation for the test, and the test itself.

There is a restriction currently applied which prevents anyone who has a court case for a driving matter pending (including the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice) taking the test until the court case is completed. This restriction will continue to apply, to avoid the IAM being used as a ploy by some who are simply seeking to manipulate their position, and who may be expelled from the IAM by being disqualified from driving almost immediately after their test.

Any case where a court requires a driver to undertake the test should be referred to the Chief Examiner as a specific matter – but the intention will be to facilitate this wherever that is reasonable.