

Petroleum Driver Passport (PDP) - Terminal Update

Valid from 27th September 2021

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The Downstream Oil Distribution Forum (DODF) have reviewed the operation of the PDP Scheme in the light of the current fuel crisis.

Therefore, in line with the recent dispensation announcement for ADR and at the request of Government (Secretary of State for DfT), the DODF are suspending PDP training and assessment for a limited period for experienced drivers with PDP passports.

1. PDP CARD EXPIRY

All driver 5 year PDP cards, which expire between 27th September 2021 and 31st December 2021, remain valid until 31st January 2022. These drivers have until 1st February 2021 to complete their PDP assessments and should be treated as having a valid PDP card and still be allowed to load.

2. ANNUAL REFRESHERS - 2021

The requirement for drivers to complete PDP Annual Refresher training and practical assessment is suspended until the 1st January 2022.

The measure, as stated below, that the DODF previously put in place to address the issues regarding annual refreshers in 2020, remains valid until the end of 2021.

To allow drivers with a good track record of completing their annual refreshers access to load product, we ask the Terminals to implement the following measure.

Until further notice, any driver who has taken and passed their Annual Refresher in 2020 and/or 2019 should be treated as having a valid PDP card and be permitted to load normally.

3. NEW DRIVERS

To ensure ongoing safety, new Drivers to the petroleum product distribution sector, who do not hold a 5 year PDP card, are required to take training and pass the written and practical assessments as usual (i.e. the above PDP card dispensation does not apply to them).

4. ENFORCEMENT

The DODF would be very grateful if the Terminals continue with PDP card validity checks, taking account of the above dispensations.

If a Terminal has direct access to the PDP System to check a driver's validity, please use this method.

Otherwise, enforcement officers (Terminals) wishing to check a driver's entitlement, may contact the SQA Administration Team via email pdpasport@sqa.org.uk or telephone on 0345 270 0123 to check the PDP System.

Please note that SQA has now moved to homeworking and any email checks will be dealt with in business hours, Monday to Friday, with phone lines open 10 – 4pm Monday to Friday.

The DODF continue to appreciate your support and understanding of the Terminals, as we take these steps to ensure the smooth running of the petroleum distribution industry. If you have any queries please contact: PDP Helpdesk - pdpasport@sqa.org.uk or DODF Facilitator – jenny.clucas@cogentskills.com.



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