

Press release: New powers to fine firms that exploit consumer loyalty

Tough new powers for competition watchdog to fine businesses directly who have broken consumer law.

News story: New videos to help learner drivers improve motorcyclist awareness

Thought-provoking new videos are being launched to encourage learner drivers to be more aware of motorcyclists.



The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has made the realistic computer-generated (CGI) videos to encourage learner drivers to be more aware of motorcyclists. They've been made with the help of road safety campaigner and keen biker Ria Brisland.

The videos will become part of DVSA's official learning materials and education products. They will help to improve the safety of motorcyclists, by encouraging learner drivers to be more aware of them when driving.

The videos will not be part of the theory test.

Ria's 19-year-old son, Nick, died in April 2015 after being involved in a collision with a car while riding his motorcycle.



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Ria said:

Getting everyone to be aware of their fellow road users at all times is essential if we are to prevent collisions and the devastating consequences they can have on families.

These new clips are thought-provoking and will make a difference to the way people look for bikers. They may prove the difference between life and death.

Watch an example video

Why the clips are being introduced

In 2017, motorcyclists accounted for 19% of all deaths of Great Britain's roads, despite only making up around 1% of all road traffic.

During the year, 2,656 motorcyclists were involved in accidents resulting from a driver or rider failing to look properly. This was 17% of all accidents involving motorcycles.

19% of road deaths were motorcyclists in 2017

Source: [Reported road casualties Great Britain, annual report: 2017](#)

It's vital that all drivers know how to spot motorcyclists and other vulnerable road users and take appropriate action. This is particularly important for learners, which is why the clips are being made part of the learning materials.

The new videos show how easily motorcyclists can be missed by road users, resulting in tragic consequences.

Videos will be seen by millions of learner drivers

Michael Ellis, Road Safety Minister, said:

Britain's roads are among the safest in the world, but still far too many vulnerable people are involved in fatal and serious injury collisions each year.

After reading Ria's story and her concerns for fellow bikers, I was determined to help her and I am delighted that these clips will now be seen by millions of learners, helping improve road safety.

Mark Winn, DVSA's Chief Driving Examiner, said:

DVSA's priority is to help everyone through a lifetime of safe driving.

These important new clips, created with Ria, will aid driver and rider training and protect vulnerable motorcyclists. We'll be using them in our educational products and on social media to help drivers keep a lookout for motorcyclists.

Looking out for vulnerable road users when driving

[The Highway Code section on road users requiring extra care](#) explains what all road users should do to look out for vulnerable road users.

It includes:

- always looking for motorcyclists before you emerge from a junction
- when turning right across a line of slow-moving or stationary traffic, looking out for motorcyclists on the inside of the traffic you are crossing
- checking mirrors and blind spots carefully

The THINK! website has [more advice for all road users](#) and more information

about [motorcycle safety](#).

Press release: Review finds family ties ‘utterly indispensable’ to rehabilitation of female offenders

New report supports Ministry of Justice’s emphasis on community alternatives and use of technology to boost rehabilitation of female offenders.

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Education Secretary Damian Hinds has today (18 June) confirmed that new T Level qualifications will become a reality from September 2020, [as a second wave of further education providers are announced to deliver courses from 2021.](#)

The move signals a major step forward in [Mr. Hinds' 10-year ambition to overhaul technical education](#), and is further demonstration of the Government's commitment to give more young people access to high-quality training opportunities so they can secure rewarding careers.

T Levels will be high-quality technical alternatives to A Levels, combining classroom theory, practical learning and an industry placement – of at least 315 hours, or approximately 45 days – where students will build the knowledge and skills they need in a workplace environment.

As the first T Level providers start gearing up to roll-out the courses from September 2020, [the Government has also announced a further £3.75 million for 2019/20 to cover costs such as producing high-quality materials to help them recruit young people, and published the details of how the new courses will be funded.](#)

Education Secretary, Damian Hinds, said:

Everyone agrees that a radical shake-up of technical and vocational education in this country is long overdue. T Levels are our chance to do that – offering young people high-quality alternatives to our world-class A Levels from September 2020.

The second wave of post-16 providers we have announced today demonstrates our commitment to making this happen. They will play an important role in ensuring more young people across the country can access these courses and help develop the skilled workforce the country needs for the future.

I'm also pleased to confirm today the details of how we will fund providers to deliver T Levels, and that we are making an additional

£3.75 million available to the first T Level providers to support them to develop and offer high-quality courses for every student from 2020.

The first three T Levels for Digital, Education and Construction will be taught from September 2020. A further seven will to be taught from 2021, including three in Health and Science, with a further 15 coming on stream from 2022 onwards in sectors such as legal, financial and accounting, engineering and manufacturing, and creative & design.

The additional further education providers announced today – [bringing the total number of providers to more than 100](#) – will offer up to ten T Level courses from 2021 as part of the Government's major upgrade to technical and vocational education.

John Laramy, Principal and Chief Executive of Exeter College, said:

Exeter College is delighted to have been selected to support the transformation of technical education in England, as an early adopter.

Being a 2020 provider, and now, based on this announcement a 2021 provider, is great news for our students, employers and staff. T Levels align with our vision to be an exceptional college and drive a line of sight to industry, which we see as key for our technical provision.

A world-class technical education system is a crucial ingredient in improving productivity and helping UK plc to compete on the global stage.

Colleges, like Exeter College, sit at the heart of their communities, and therefore today's news is great for the ambition of our learners, our city, and our region.

T Levels will be backed by an additional half a billion pounds of investment every year when the new qualifications are fully rolled out. The Government has also published the response to its T Level funding consultation today which confirms how it intends to distribute the increased funding, including:

- Confirmation that additional funding will be provided to support T Level students who have not yet met the minimum English and maths requirement (GCSE or equivalent) so they can continue to gain these vital skills;

- Providing additional funding to support disadvantaged young people including while on an industry placement;
- Extra funding for T Level students who are aged 18 to ensure that they have access to the additional hours that are needed for larger T Level courses.

Part of the significant funding being made available by the Government to deliver T Levels is a £20 million investment to help prepare the further education sector for the introduction of the new courses. This includes the [£8 million T Level Professional Development offer](#) which is already helping teachers and staff prepare for the roll-out of the new qualifications and the [£5 million Taking Teaching Further programme](#) which aims to attract industry experts to work in the sector.

To support the development and delivery of T Level industry placements, the Government recently announced [a new package of support for employers](#). This builds on the £60 million already invested to help make sure every student can access a high-quality placement from September 2020. So that young people have access to the latest, high quality equipment and state-of the art facilities during their studies, [£38 million](#) is also being made available to support the first T Level providers to be ready to teach T Levels from September 2020.

The pioneering new courses are being co-created with leading employers so they provide young people with the skills industry need and will help set more young people on a clear path to a good job. Earlier this month, [the official T Level branding](#) was unveiled so that stakeholders and providers can start to recruit the first T Level students from September next year.