



FOI Reference: 678/2009

Request:

I wanted to enquire about the driving permits offered by your Force to Police Officers. The questions I have are:

- 1) What levels of driving permits are offered?
- 2) What do each of the driving permits allow the holder to do?
- 3) What training is required for each of the driving permits and how are the candidates assessed? How long in length are the courses for each of the respective driving permits?,
- 4) Are any of the driving permits offered by your Force, offered in a modular basis, (i.e. are they offered in modules of 1 week at a time until the course is complete etc),
- 5) Which of the permits are available to Special Constables?
- 6) If any modular courses are offered, are the available to Special Constables?,
- 7) How many Special Constables in your Force have driving permits which allow them to respond (i.e. use blue lights, sirens and allowed the holder to utilise the relevant exemptions afforded to them in law with respect of speeding, going through red lights etc),

I would appreciate any information that is available, in particular the information that relates to Special Constables.

Response 1:

1. I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested. The levels of driving permits are as follows:

Basic driving permit
Standard response permit
Advanced permit
Pursuit Management Course permit

Response 2:

2. I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested as outlined below:

A basic driving permit allows an individual to drive a police owned or hired vehicle as per Driving Standards Agency (DSA) standards

A Standard response driving permit allows a Police officer to drive a police vehicle to the required National Competencies of a police standard response driver.

An Advanced driving permit allows a Police officer to drive a police vehicle to the required National Competencies of a police advanced driver.

On the successful completion of an advanced driving course an officer will be required to successfully complete an initial pursuit management course.

Response 3:

3. I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested as outlined below:

To obtain a Basic permit requires a 1 hour assessment followed by appropriate training if required.

To obtain a standard response permit requires the successful completion of a 3 week standard response driving course.

To obtain an Advanced permit requires the successful completion of a 4 week advanced driving course.

On the successful completion of an advanced driving course an officer will be required to successfully complete a 1 week initial pursuit management course.

Response 4:

I can confirm that there is no information held by Dyfed-Powys Police as no permits are offered on a modular basis

Response 5:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested. The only permits available to special constables are Basic Permits.

Response 6:

I can confirm that there is no information held by Dyfed-Powys Police as no modular courses are offered

Response 7:

I can confirm that there is no information held by Dyfed-Powys Police as **no** special constables have driving permits which allow them to respond (i.e. use blue lights, sirens or allow the holder to utilise the relevant exemptions afforded to them in law with respect of speeding, going through red lights etc),

It should be noted that Dyfed-Powys Police in line with the Driving Standards Agency standards has adopted and adheres to the Police Driver Training Manual based on the National Police Driving Standards which was launched in June 2009.

In accordance with the Act and under section 16 I am able to provide the following link which may be of assistance:

http://www.acpos.police.uk/Documents/Policies/RP_NPDSC%20Police%20Driving%20Manual%202009.pdf