**Annex A**

**DVLA Drink Drive Assessment – The High Risk Offender (HRO) Scheme**

Disqualified drink drivers who are categorised as High Risk Offenders are required to prove their fitness to drive through a medical examination before their driving licence can be renewed.

Since 1990, the law has required the Government to charge these drivers for the medical examination, plus an extra fee for the new licence.

The law was established to identify those drivers most likely to have a problem controlling their alcohol consumption, because the persistent misuse of alcohol has road safety implications. The criteria that correctly categorise a driver as a High Risk Offender are:

1. The driver was found to have a recorded level of alcohol above 87.5 micrograms per 100 millilitres of breath, or 200 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood, or 267.5 milligrams per 100 millilitres of urine. This is generally 2½ time the legal limit; **or**
2. The driver failed to provide a specimen for testing; **or**
3. The driver was a repeat offender (2 disqualifications within 10 years for either exceeding the legal alcohol limit or being unfit to drive through drink)

DVLA recognises that a small number of customers who paid for a medical examination when applying for their licence should not have been charged (this is because the law excludes “failure to supply a specimen” from the repeat offence criteria, which is described at point 3 above). Every offender has, however, correctly been sent for a medical examination.

Some drivers categorised as a High Risk Offender under this criteria may be eligible for a refund. Drivers whose second disqualification had a recorded level of alcohol above 2½ times the legal limit, or was for the failure to provide a specimen, **do not qualify** for a refund and have been correctly charged.

DVLA will contact the customers whose eligibility has been established from the records and they will automatically be sent a refund.