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Changes to Driver Qualification Card issuing procedures

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has issued a notice to all JAUPT (Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training) registered periodic training centres outlining a change in the procedure for issuing Driver Qualification Cards (DQCs).

- Drivers who complete their 35 hours periodic training in the 12-month period before their card is due to expire will have their next card issued immediately, as before, with an expiry date five years after that of the current card
- Drivers who complete their periodic training prior to the 12-month period before their card is due to expire, will have their new card issued during the final 12 months of the cycle on the corresponding calendar date on which the training was completed (ie the anniversary)
- For those drivers for whom this date is very close to the final expiry date, the card will be issued on the calendar date, less 28 days

DVSA has provided the following examples of the effect of this change – in both cases the drivers had acquired rights in September 2009:

	Within final 12 month's validity of DQC expiry	If training anniversary is within 28 days of the start of a new qualification period
Date driver completed periodic training	1 July 2016	9 September 2016
Driver's current DQC valid until	9 September 2019	9 September 2019
New qualification date starts	10 September 2019	10 September 2019
Next DQC issue date	1 July 2019	12 August 2019
Next DQC expiry date	9 September 2024	9 September 2024

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