

Senior Traffic Commissioner issues a Statutory Document in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

The Senior Traffic Commissioner has today (17 March 2020) issued a [Statutory Document](#) setting out the approach that traffic commissioners will adopt in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Great Britain.

The document includes:

- temporary steps to assist operators who cannot meet the required financial standing levels;
- advice on what an operator must consider if a transport manager is unable to attend work;
- clear guidance on the period of grace process if the requirements to hold an operator's licence cannot be met;
- information around how the traffic commissioners may approach applications for temporary exemptions to the requirement to hold an operator's licence;
- guidance on the approach to be adopted for short notice requests around changes to local bus services and reducing the administrative burden on operators;
- guidance on hearings attendance and the postponement of hearings

You are also advised to sign up to [our news alert service](#) where further advice will be issued to operators and regular updates will be available as the position changes.