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**Latest news and information update  
for members**

I hope this enews finds you well. This edition will include information on the following:

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## FTA Ireland – Transport Manager Seminar 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### Transport Manager 2023

19 October 2023  
The Johnstown Estate,  
Enfield, Co. Meath

09:30	<i>Coffee and registration</i>
10:00	<b>Chair's welcome and introduction</b> Aidan Flynn <i>CEO, Freight Transport Association Ireland</i>
10:10	<b>Key Note Address</b> Jack Chambers <i>Minister of State at Department of Transport</i>
10:35	<b>Launch of the Managers Guide to Distribution Costs Report 2023</b> Contribution from Bank of Ireland & ENPROVA
11:30	<i>Coffee Break – Networking</i>
11:50	<b>Chair of Decarbonising Transport Session :</b> Conor Molloy <i>Author, A 'Light' Guide to Energy Savings in Transport'</i>
12:15	<b>21st Century Supply Chain Mega-challenges – perspectives and solutions</b> Professor Edward Sweeney
12:40	<b>The role of ZEVl and the journey to delivering infrastructure to support Zero Emission Commercial Vehicles</b> Aoife O'Grady <i>Principal Officer, Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland</i>
13:00	<b>Practical Steps to Decarbonisation</b> Daniel Fitzpatrick <i>Commercial Director of Inver Energy</i>
13:10	<i>Fireside Table Discussion</i>
13:30	<i>Lunch – Networking</i>
14:10	<b>Commercial Vehicle Enforcement – The Compliance Picture</b> Justin Martin <i>Head of Enforcement, Road Safety Authority</i>
14:35	<b>Operational Compliance</b> Paul Maguire <i>Senior Trainer Executive and Auditor, FTA Ireland</i>
15:00	<b>Transport Manager Calendar &amp; Summary of the days events</b> Aidan Flynn <i>CEO, Freight Transport Association Ireland</i>
15:25	<i>Finish</i>

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UPS and Earthday (<https://www.earthday.org/>) are working together to raise awareness about the importance of Climate Education. Advancing lasting sustainability solutions will require a greater understanding across every level of our population of the underlying science for climate change and the possibility of new technology solutions. Therefore, in the lead up to COP 28, we aim to secure the signatures of other esteemed businesses in promoting climate change literacy, skills and business leadership into the global education system to help fuel the needed jobs of the future. Critical to our collective long-term economic growth and prosperity, climate education will help all of our businesses adapt to changing climatic conditions and build a workforce that can help us reduce our own climate impact.



FTA Ireland are very happy to support this initiative and we support UPS reaching out in an effort to generate momentum among our partners as part of a broader initiative to be included in the upcoming COP28 meetings in Dubai.

I hope you will join us in supporting the below statement to demonstrate business leadership in fighting climate change and promoting systemic responses for the sustainability of our planet.

***We, the undersigned, support a global dialogue and commitment to address the critical importance of climate change education to our future. We believe that the development of high-impact climate education opportunities in primary and secondary schools, universities, and vocational schools at scale will inspire innovation and entrepreneurship, and help build long-term economic growth and prosperity. Climate change is a multi-generational challenge that requires a multigenerational response. Climate education is vital to the future of business, public administration, consumerism, health, social equity and the very future of the planet.***

Please email [rogers@earthday.org](mailto:rogers@earthday.org) with your organization's interest in including your company's name below this short but clear statement on the importance of climate education to Kathleen Rogers, President of Earth Day Network, ([rogers@earthday.org](mailto:rogers@earthday.org)).

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## Weather Alert

### FTAI Severe weather series



This advisory note is prepared for drivers and transport managers to aid them in planning for severe stormy weather including rain and high winds. For live updates on weather please visit:

<https://www.met.ie>

Weather Warnings are presented in three categories.

#### STATUS YELLOW

Weather alert  
**BE AWARE**

Alerts are to notify those who are at risk because of their location and/or activity, and to allow them to take preventative action. Yellow level weather alerts are for weather conditions that do not pose an immediate threat to the general population, but only to those exposed to risk by nature of their location and/or activity.

#### STATUS ORANGE

Weather warning  
**BE PREPARED**

Warnings are for weather conditions which have the capacity to impact significantly on people in the affected areas. An Orange level weather warning implies that those in the affected areas should prepare themselves in an appropriate way for the anticipated conditions.

#### STATUS RED

Severe weather warning  
**TAKE ACTION**

Severe weather warnings are a rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and their properties; this could be staying indoors; or by other specific action aimed at mitigating the effects of the weather conditions.

## Operating in High Winds Conditions tips

### HGV DRIVERS

- Ensure your vehicle is roadworthy and has sufficient fuel for your journey. Carry out the following safety checks: F.L.O.W.E.R.  
**Fuel, Lights, Oil, Water, Electrics, Rubber.**
- Allow more time for your journey.
- Obtain weather information before you set off and keep up to date with changing conditions and closed routes via the radio or by regularly calling into base when stationary.
- Plan your journey to avoid exposed or high roads (such as motorway flyovers, bridges or viaducts) if possible.
- Anticipate how conditions may affect other road users, especially cyclists, e-scooters, motorcyclists, and cars towing caravans – take particular care when overtaking these.
- Take particular care when driving empty and high-sided vehicles, which will be affected more by the wind.
- When driving an empty curtain-sided vehicle, tie both curtain sides at one end of the vehicle to reduce the effect of side winds.
- Avoid unnecessary lane changes.
- Always be aware of the potential for Debris on the road; branches, wheelie bins, trampolines, etc, are commonly blown onto roads during stormy conditions.
- Watch for places where conditions could suddenly change, such as a gap in the trees, or after passing some form of shelter such as a bridge or large vehicle.
- If you have to travel on exposed roads in high winds, be prepared for lower speed limits, lane closures and diversions due to fallen trees or power lines.
- If you must operate your vehicle, please pay attention to the following.
  - Drive at speeds that are suitable to the weather and road conditions.
  - Pull into the side of the road where safe to do so where the winds are very high keeping lights and hazard lights on.
  - Curtain side trailers also provide considerable hazards when opening and closing. If the curtains are not secured when open, they can pose considerable risk especially in windy weather conditions. Get help when opening and securing the curtains on the side of trailers – these can flap around in windy weather if not properly secured and cause considerable damage.
  - In windy weather you may need to get help to open or close a door or curtain.
  - Always ensure that the door is secured to the side of the trailer when open – the latch should be checked regularly to ensure that it is working order.
  - Care should be taken during windy conditions to ensure that vehicle door(s) are not caught by the wind and slammed shut or blown open.
  - Heavy winds make it harder to steer and handle a vehicle, so keep a firm grip on the wheel. If you don't feel comfortable driving, pull over to a safe place until the wind dies down.

### TRANSPORT MANAGERS

- Only operate when it is safe to do so.
- Pay heed to the national weather alerts and adapt operational activity as necessary. The safety of drivers and other road users is of the highest priority.
- Are appropriate systems in place for employees who must drive for work in adverse weather conditions?
- Do employees know how to handle vehicles in adverse weather conditions?
- Is there a plan in place for employees in the event of emergencies such as a collision, breakdown or getting stuck/stranded?
- Ensure you know your drivers' routes and check in regularly with them.
- Update drivers and customers regularly and be prepared to change your plan or scrap it entirely and recall your drivers if the conditions deteriorate to an unsafe level.
- Always plan for an alternative route to allow for road closures during bad weather.

### USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.met.ie/warnings/today>

<https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/campaigns/severe-weather>

[https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Vehicles\\_at\\_Work/Driving\\_for\\_Work/Winter\\_Driving\\_Tips/](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Vehicles_at_Work/Driving_for_Work/Winter_Driving_Tips/)

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## Operating in Stormy/Windy Conditions tips

### HGV DRIVERS

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- Plan your journey to avoid exposed or high roads (such as motorway flyovers, bridges, etc) if possible.
- Ensure you have appropriate clothing you should prepare for delays and the possibility that you could have to spend longer in the vehicle than normal.
  - Warm jacket
  - Gloves and hat
  - Winter boots
  - Spare clothing
  - Bottles of water
  - Extra food and a flask of warm drink
  - A blanket
  - Mobile phone and charger
- Large trucks are vulnerable to losing control or tipping over in high winds especially when empty. They can also create turbulence for motorcycles and other small vehicles. Drivers should pay extra attention to the road and anticipate gusts in windy conditions.
- When driving an empty curtain-sided vehicle, tie both curtain sides at one end of the vehicle to reduce the effect of side winds.
- Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles to give yourself and other motorists time and space to avoid any debris in the road. It takes longer to stop a vehicle on wet roads so slow down and allow extra distance between you and the vehicle in front. The 2 second rule becomes the 4 second rule in bad weather and poor visibility according to the conditions.
- Turn on your headlights to make yourself more visible to other road users. Be aware of poor visibility created by driving rain.
- Watch for places where conditions could suddenly change, such as a gap in the trees,

- or after passing some form of shelter such as a bridge or large vehicle.
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- Update drivers and customers regularly and be prepared to change your plan or scrap it entirely and recall your drivers if the conditions deteriorate to an unsafe level.
- Always plan for an alternative route to allow for road closures during bad weather. When planning a route during bad weather try to:
  - Identify the locations where there is a risk of high winds, particularly on high or exposed routes.
  - Be aware of potential localised road closures through snow gates, flood risk, landslip or other dangers.
  - Always prepare for a suitable diversion route.

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## PORT OF CHERBOURG

We recently attended a briefing by the Port of Cherbourg hosted by the French Ambassador to Ireland Vincent Guerend.

An update was provided on the new infrastructure been implemented to improve security and reduce risk of migrants entering parked vehicles/trailers at the port.

In addition they are looking to get feedback from business that utilise the port to see if there would be a demand to develop a new Truck Parking service area approx. 22km from the port. They are looking for your feedback – please complete the Questionnaire ([Here](#)) and return to [aflynn@ftai.ie](mailto:aflynn@ftai.ie) and I will forward on your behalf.



## Recommandations to hauliers

- ✓ **Seals / tarpaulin cables**
  - ✓ Use metal seals,
  - ✓ Use tarpaulin cables
- ✓ **Storage time for trailers at the port**
- ✓ **Un lien devra**
  - ✓ Reduce trailer storage time.
  - ✓ The peaks of intrusions mainly take place on days of heavy traffic of trailers and trucks at the port (ex : weekends, etc.)

The port is also developing a rail terminal that will link Cherbourg with Bayonne (close to Spanish border)

The full presentation can be [downloaded here](#)

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World Skills / Apprenticeship



At the Hero's stage of Worldskills Ireland Sorcha Halpin from DPD Ireland was an inspiration and we are so proud of her progress on the inaugural Transport Operations & Commercial Driving Apprenticeship programme. She is a great ambassador for the programme and her company. For more information on this apprenticeship visit [www.cdap.ie](http://www.cdap.ie) or email [info@cdap.ie](mailto:info@cdap.ie)

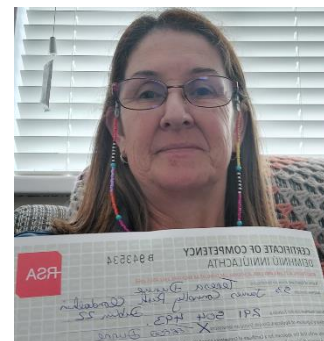
Another Inspiration is Teresa Dunne (BWG) who passed the C Licence Driving Test recently and is starting the second year of the Driver Apprenticeship.

Congratulations to all apprentices as they get back to college over the coming weeks!

For more information on the apprenticeships:

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[info@cdap.ie](mailto:info@cdap.ie) / [www.cdap.ie](http://www.cdap.ie)



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FTA Ireland Training Courses: <https://www.ftai.ie/public-courses>

## Fleet Manager Compliance Awareness Training

*Location: FTAI, DHL Building, Cloghran, Co. Dublin*

*Dates: 1st November 9am – 4.30pm*

The course is aimed at managers and supervisors involved with transport operations in the private and public sector. The course will provide an overview of the road haulage operator licensing system and highlight employers' and drivers' responsibilities. It also details the many other areas of legislation that directly affect the operator licence obligations, such as drivers' hour's rules and the safety of loads on vehicles.



### Course objectives/aims

The general aim of the course is to develop a knowledge of road transport law. More specifically, it is to cover the legal framework surrounding the operator licensing system and demonstrate the importance of road safety legislation. This includes highlighting the powers of the enforcement agencies such as: The Minister, RSA, HSA and the penalties for non-compliance, both for the vehicle operator and/or driver.

### Who should attend?

- Anyone who wishes to update their transport legislation knowledge to the latest standards.
- Those who are committing to their continued professional development as a transport professional.

**Book today**  
Tel: 01 8447516 or  
Email: [info@ftai.ie](mailto:info@ftai.ie)

## Management of EU Drivers' Hours, Working Time Rules and Records

*Location: Online via Zoom*

*Dates: 3rd November 9.30am - 2.30pm*

This training course is designed to help managers, supervisors and administrative staff understand the driving and working time rules that govern commercial/passenger vehicle drivers. It explains the rules regarding driving time, break and rest periods.



### Course objectives/aims

Following this training participants should have:

- Increased confidence when having complex discussions with drivers and/or managers relating to drivers' hours rules.
- Peace of mind that you are operating legally.
- Knowledge about where to find the answers to complex issues or operational anomalies.

### Who should attend?

- Anyone who wishes to learn about drivers' hours rules and the relationship with working time regulations.
- Those who are committing to their continued professional development as a transport professional.
- Candidates preparing for a full Transport Manager CPC – primer course.

**Book today**  
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# Transport Manager CPC Qualification

## Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) in Road Transport Operations Management

Do you have a succession plan or CPD programme in place for your transport manager and planners? Good succession planning protects your business in the event of a key member's retirement or untimely departure. Not only does it mean the business is prepared, it also gives employees a direction and goal to work towards. If employees know you are investing in their training and development within the company, then they will more likely buy into and commit to the long-term business objectives.

### Course duration

100 hours tuition

### Course schedule

#### October

- Wednesday 4, Thursday 5, Friday 6
- Wednesday 11, Thursday 12, Friday 13
- Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20

#### November

- Wednesday 8, Thursday 9, Friday 10
- Wednesday 15, Thursday 16, Friday 17

### Exam date

Wednesday 6 December 2023

The exam is now an **Open Book** format allowing candidates to bring their CILT training manual to the exam. The examinations are set and run by CILT (The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport).

The course is designed for those who need to obtain the Transport Management CPC Qualification to act as transport manager for a road transport business (haulage and passenger). It is also beneficial for those who want to upskill and enhance their career opportunities. The course is delivered on a part-time basis to enable students sufficient time to study and review material between classes and work commitments.

### Training delivery

This course is **trainer-led** and will be delivered online via **Zoom**.

### Start time

Daily 9am-1pm and 2-5pm

### Course cost

Price on application

### Cost includes

- CILT training manual
- FTA Ireland designed study workbooks & copies of past papers
- Mock exams

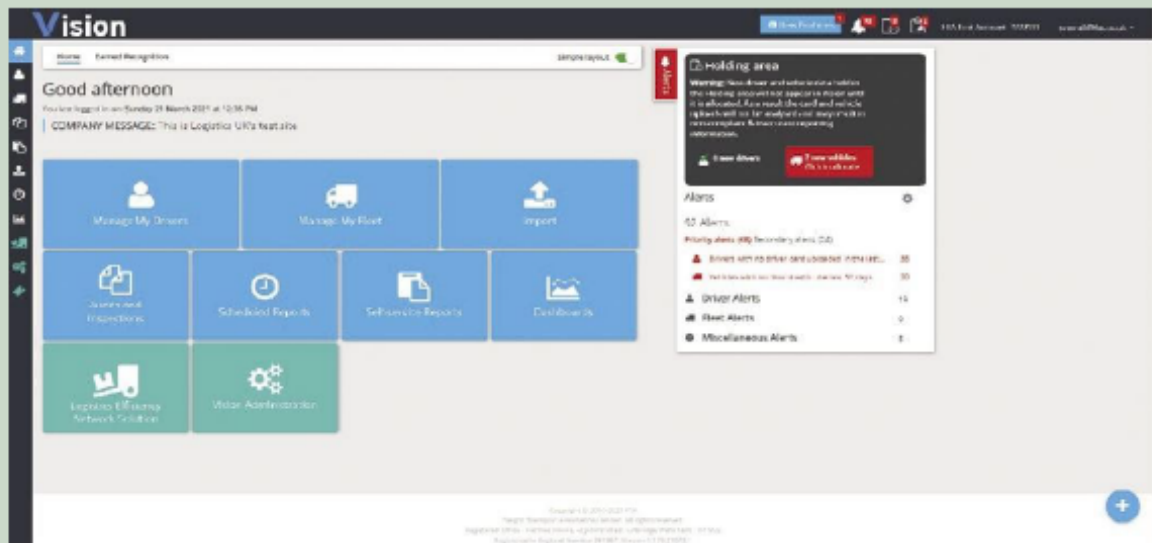
Exam Fee: €285 per person paid directly to CILT by trainee when registering for the exam (online registration & payment).



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# Tachograph Support

Be Compliant, Be Confident, Be Connected



FTA Ireland Tachograph Analysis services are delivered through our cloud-based platform called 'Vision'. This is a powerful compliance management platform allowing users to manage driver and fleet compliance via a single portal. Vision provides almost instant access to driver and vehicle information, once a data upload has taken place, so users can quickly respond to any issues raised and prevent repeat errors arising in the future.

If you encounter a technical problem with Vision or with using your digital tachograph downloading equipment in conjunction with Vision please contact the Tachograph Customer Support Team for assistance and expert guidance. The Customer Support Team can also assist you with setting up new users to the system.

## Why Choose FTA's Tachograph Services?

### Competitively priced

We offer one of the most competitive, transparent pricing structures on the market. What's more, we include all driver and vehicle uploads and reporting

### Compliance confidence

Tachograph compliance solutions from an organisation that understands logistics. We have over 30 years' experience of interpreting tachograph data

### Vision compliance platform

Our cutting-edge tachograph analysis software, powered by Vision compliance platform, is cloud-based, meaning you can access, analyse and process data securely and with great flexibility and speed.

### The full package

We can offer you the full solution to meet your business requirements at any level including full contract management service, a complete suite of dynamic reports, and benchmarking.

For more information and for other tachograph service queries.

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