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DATE: October 21, 2010  
TO: Driver Education Providers and Instructors  
FROM: Driver Education Section  
Driver Programs Division  
SUBJECT: Segment 1 and Segment 2 Knowledge Tests

The Driver Education Section has recently completed the field testing and analysis of all Segment 1 knowledge test questions. We appreciate the assistance of the providers and instructors who volunteered to conduct the field testing and who offered suggestions for revisions in the test questions. Our testing vendor, Solutions Thru Software, has updated the pool of questions, which will be implemented as of November 1, 2010.

As a result of the field testing efforts and instructor input over the past few years, we are confident that the updated Segment 1 tests will accurately assess your students' knowledge. Therefore, it is an appropriate time to revisit the frequency with which new tests must be generated. After careful analysis, we have determined that the current maximum test life of four months will be extended to 12 months with the implementation of the updated Segment 1 test.

Since integrity of the tests remains a priority, we will monitor these tests closely. We are depending on providers and instructors to work with us to assure that test integrity is maintained. This may mean that new tests will need to be generated sooner than 12 months if, for example, a test is found to be missing. And, if test integrity is compromised, the 12-month maximum life of the tests may be revisited.

Segment 1 and Segment 2 knowledge tests generated before November 1, 2010, will continue to be valid for four months. Tests generated November 1, 2010, and after will be valid for 12 months. By March 1, 2011, all Segment 1 and Segment 2 tests generated prior to November 1, 2010, must be discarded and replaced with new tests which will be valid for 12 months.

The online Driver Education Provider Manual and the Michigan Curriculum Guide have been updated with the new policy regarding maximum test life.

Field testing of the Segment 2 knowledge test questions will take place in 2011.

If you have any questions regarding the revised Segment 1 test questions or the new 12-month life of the Segment 1 and Segment 2 tests, please e-mail the Driver Education Section at [DriverEd@Michigan.gov](mailto:DriverEd@Michigan.gov) or telephone (517) 241-6850.