

FEEDBACK ON PROPOSALS

Please use the following questionnaire to let us know your views. There are ten (10) questions in total, covering proposed drink drive limits, penalties and police powers. Details on all of our proposals, as well as background information on drink driving in Northern Ireland and the potential impacts of any changes, can be found in our consultation paper or the executive summary paper at www.roadsafetyni.gov.uk. Space is provided at the end of the questionnaire for any additional comments you wish to make, but if there is insufficient space, you may submit your comments by email to drinkdrive@doeni.gov.uk (please enter “Drink Driving” in the email subject line). A hard copy of the questionnaire is also available at www.roadsafetyni.gov.uk.

<u>BAC LIMIT</u>	Yes	No	Don't Know
Q1. Do you agree that the BAC limit should be reduced in Northern Ireland?			
If no, please go to Q3.			
If yes, do you agree with the limits listed below?			
a. 20mg/100ml for learner/novice drivers?			
b. 20mg/100ml for professional drivers?			
c. 50mg/100ml for all other drivers?			
If you have answered 'NO' at a, b or c please answer Q2			
Otherwise go to Q3			
Q2. If you do not agree with the limits listed above, do you agree with either of the options listed below?			
a. 50mg/100ml limit for all drivers (including learner/novice and professional drivers)?			
b. 20mg/100ml limit for all drivers (including learner/novice and professional drivers)?			

PENALTIES

Q3. If the general limit were lowered to **50mg/100ml**, what do you think should be the penalty for driving over this limit **but under 80mg/100ml** (please tick all that apply)?

- a. fixed penalty (points and fine)
- b. attend a drink drive course
- c. driving ban

If you have selected driving ban, please select an option below:

- d. driving ban - 3 months
- e. driving ban - 6 months
- f. driving ban - 9 months
- g. apply all current penalties at 80mg/100ml
- h. other- please specify _____

Q4. If the limit for learner/novice drivers were lowered to **20mg/100ml**, what do you think should be the penalty for driving over this limit **but under 50mg/100ml** (please tick all that apply)?

- a. fixed penalty (points and fine)
- b. attend a drink drive course
- c. driving ban

If you have selected driving ban, please select an option below:

- d. driving ban - 3 months
- e. driving ban - 6 months
- f. driving ban - 9 months
- g. apply all current penalties at 80mg/100ml
- h. other- please specify _____

Q5. If the limit for professional drivers were lowered to **20mg/100ml**, what do you think should be the penalty for driving over this limit **but under 50mg/100ml** (please tick all that apply)?

- a. fixed penalty (points and fine)
- b. attend a drink drive course
- c. driving ban

If you have selected driving ban, please select an option below:

- d. driving ban - 3 months
- e. driving ban - 6 months
- f. driving ban - 9 months
- g. apply all current penalties at 80mg/100ml
- h. other- please specify _____

Q6. If the general limit were lowered to **20mg/100ml**, what do you think should be the penalty for driving over this limit **but under 80mg/100ml** (please tick all that apply)?

- a. fixed penalty (points and fine)
- b. attend a drink drive course
- c. driving ban

If you have selected driving ban, please select an option below:

- d. driving ban - 3 months
- e. driving ban - 6 months
- f. driving ban - 9 months
- g. apply all current penalties at 80mg/100ml
- h. other- please specify _____

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Q7. Do you agree that the threshold BAC level for the purposes of defining a high risk offender should be reduced?			
If yes, what should be the new threshold limit for a high risk offence?			
a. 150mg/100ml	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b. 125mg/100ml	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. other – please specify _____			
Q8. Do you agree that the term 'high risk' should apply to drivers convicted and disqualified twice?			
<u>RANDOM BREATH TESTING</u>			
Q9. Do you believe that the police should have powers to stop and breathalyse drivers at random?			
<u>BLOOD AND URINE TESTING</u>			
Q10. Do you agree that the right to ask for a blood or urine specimen to replace the breath test should be removed for drivers who have a breath alcohol concentration reading in excess of the legal limit?			

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. Your responses to our proposals will help the Department to decide the best way to tackle the issue of drink driving in Northern Ireland.

If you wish to comment on the definition of a 'professional driver', offer views on the retest, on the potential rural, equality, regulatory or crime impacts of this policy or to provide any other additional comments, please indicate to which question they refer and/or whether they relate to Limits, Penalties, Police Powers, Professional Drivers or to the relevant impact assessment.

