



**EARNED
RECOGNITION**

Keeping **Britain** moving, **safely** and **sustainably**





What is

DVSA Earned Recognition?

DVSA Earned Recognition is the best way to show that your business meets the highest driver and vehicle standards.



It's a voluntary scheme that works for all operators, no matter the size of your business or fleet.

There are no application fees and no annual subscription costs.

Who can apply?

You must have:



had a heavy goods vehicle (HGV) or public service vehicle (PSV) operator licence for at least 2 years



management systems for vehicle maintenance and drivers' hours, which monitor performance



a track record of good compliance with driver and vehicle standards

Tesco Distribution is proud to have been a member of the Earned Recognition scheme since 2021. It's strengthened our focus on compliance and road safety remains the highest priority for Tesco drivers and fleet managers. We look forward to continuing to work with DVSA

James Adcroft, **Transport Compliance Manager** at **Tesco Distribution**



What are the benefits?

By joining the scheme you



are less likely to be stopped at the roadside, your premises are less likely to be visited and your operation will not be targeted by DVSA



use your KPI data to improve your operations and reduce your running costs



can win more work when you bid for contracts, such as construction and local authority tenders



can attend workshops and summits gaining information from industry leaders, exclusively for Earned Recognition members



get direct access to the DVSA Earned Recognition team for support and guidance



can use the Earned Recognition logo to demonstrate your serious about road safety and compliance



can access additional modules for commercial and recognised opportunities



keep a blue Operator Compliance Risk Score (OCRS). It will not change to another colour



prove you meet driver and vehicle standards by developing a trusted relationship with DVSA, demonstrating your commitment to compliance and road safety



improve your employee wellbeing



“ If any local authority is considering joining Earned Recognition, I’d say that the benefits far outweigh the effort. The scheme provides the tools and the criteria to put you on the path of continual improvement, and I cannot overstate the rewards ”

Brendan McNamara,
Transport Operations Manager
at Wakefield Council



“ Being part of
Earned Recognition
... means we have
access to DVSA’s
spectrum of knowledge
as a live communication
channel. We stay up to
date with the latest
legislation, safety and
licensing requirements.
This ensures we achieve
the highest standard
of road safety and
compliance ”

Lindsay Smith,
JPE Holdings

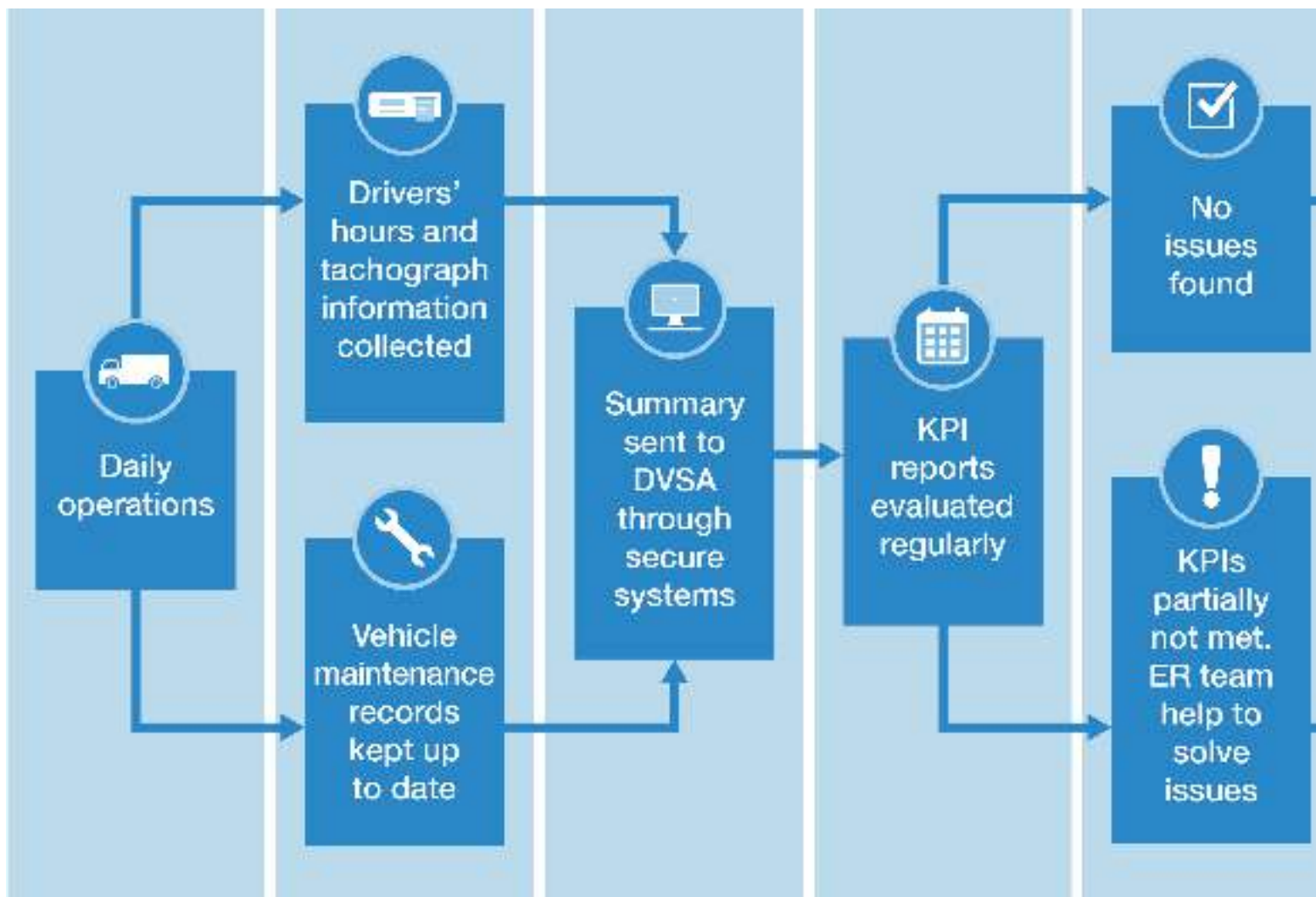
Additional modules

By joining Earned Recognition, you get access to additional modules for commercial and recognised opportunities. These modules include:

- HS2
- TfL
- Concrete Operational
- LPT2
- Guild of BCO





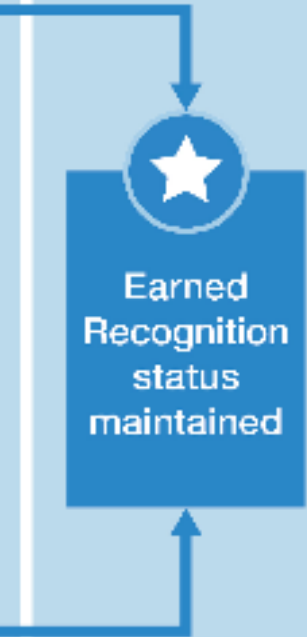


How it works

Once your Earned Recognition status is granted, your driver and vehicle systems monitor against a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

This doesn't mean any extra work for you, as you'll already keep track of your operational data. The ER team doesn't have direct access to your systems or data. Instead, you share a summary of this data with DVSA so we can see that you're compliant.

Your vehicles and premises won't be targeted by DVSA. As a DVSA operator you prove safety and compliance is within your business's culture. As a result, DVSA can focus on the serious and serially non-compliant. As a proven safe and trusted operator, this can help you bid for work.



Play your

part in road safety

Earned Recognition supports operators in maintaining safety standards on the road. By proving you have comprehensive systems and processes that promote effective transport management, you're upholding these standards. And, together, we make the roads safer for everyone.

Through the scheme, compliant operators see significant benefits. For example, you and your drivers will experience fewer costly and inconvenient roadside checks. You support our enforcement strategy, meaning that the cost of non-compliance is always greater than the cost of compliance. And by joining Earned Recognition, you'll add to its influence - increasing compliance and encouraging other operators to follow your lead.

The more members join the scheme, the more resource DVSA will have to target those who actually pose a risk to road safety.



Joining the scheme has allowed us to demonstrate to industry stakeholders and partners the excellent standards we adopt here at Abellio. DVSA recognised this by granting us ER status

Damon Long, Head of Compliance, Abellio London



Making every journey

safer in your community

Earned Recognition is a unique scheme through which we regularly monitor operators, checking that they achieve and maintain the highest standards of compliance. Its logo identifies operators of lorry and bus fleets of all sizes, including school bus services and refuse collection trucks.

These socially conscious operators adopt policies that promote safety, positive environmental impacts and the wellbeing of their communities. They improve outcomes for cities and towns, and the people who live and work there.





Why choose an Earned Recognition operator to work with your business?

Earned Recognition operators are the safest on our roads. They:

- have a track record of taking road safety and compliance seriously
- demonstrate their compliance through regular KPI checks, data assurance and audits

The Earned Recognition audit includes:

- emissions
- local environmental and contractual obligations
- all aspects of road safety in line with Operator Licence requirements
- counter-terrorism



Traffic commissioners encourage operators to recognise the importance of regular audits to test the robustness of their safety systems. It's always important to ensure that you have evidence of how effective your compliance systems are. The Earned Recognition audit standards go beyond the legal requirements of an operator's licence.

Richard Turfitt, Senior Traffic Commissioner







“ Compliance and safety is the backbone of our business. Joining the Earned Recognition scheme has focused our policies and procedures, ensuring we adopt industry wide best practices across our operations. If you’re unsure what exemplary operators look like then I suggest you join the scheme today. ”

Tony Greenhalgh,
Suttons Tankers Ltd

Always here to help

The Earned Recognition team is always on hand to help members. They can answer your questions and help solve your problems.

You'll have access to exclusive information services, and the opportunity to attend best practice workshops, seminars and summits.

Operator feedback is important too. By joining Earned Recognition and sharing your thoughts, you can help shape how we run the scheme in future.

Find out how to apply and get started at:

www.gov.uk/dvsa/earned-recognition

or get in touch via email:

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