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## **MINIBUS INFORMATION**

Further to your enquiry to the Scout Information Centre concerning the Small Bus Permit Scheme, please find enclosed details of the Scheme together with an application form.

**ALL Scout Groups (or Districts) who operate i.e. own or hire, a Minibus require a Small Bus Permit. Small Bus permits are necessary so that voluntary groups can charge or accept a form of remuneration for providing transport for their own members, without having to comply with the full PSV operator licensing or PCV driver licensing requirements.**

**For those Groups wishing to take a Minibus abroad, please refer to the factsheet FS260008, updated October 1999 available from the Scout Information Centre.**

Please also find enclosed a factsheet issued by DVLA Swansea regarding Driving Licence regulations together with a leaflet available from the Community Transport Association (CTA) which is an extremely helpful organisation. One particular booklet that is certainly helpful is 'Minibus safety' – a code of practice which is published jointly by the CTA and ROSPA and is available at the price at £5.88. Should you require advice relating to Driver Training or Minibus Safety, further information may also be obtained on the CTA Advice Line 0161 367 8780.

**Please note that from 10<sup>th</sup> February 1997 ALL Minibuses irrespective of age, when carrying 3 or more children will have to be fitted with seatbelts in FORWARD FACING SEATS. The MINIMUM requirement will be a lap fitted belt fitted to each seat used by a child aged between 3 and 16 years of age.**

At the same time there are a number of publications available FREE OF CHARGE from the DETR including:-

- Drivers Hours & Tachograph Rules for Road Passenger Vehicles in the UK and Europe (PSV375)
- Passenger Transport provided by Voluntary Groups (PSV385)
- Taking a Minibus Abroad
- For those Scout Groups that also carry Wheelchairs, the DETR publish a Code of Practice (VSE87/1)
- Seat Belts and Child restraints (T/INF/251)
- Driving a Minibus – Licensing Position of Drivers (INF28)
- Driving Licensing Requirements for Towing Trailers in Great Britain (INF30)

For further details of these publications please contact the Department of Environment, Transport & the Regions, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR.

In the meantime should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the Scout Information Centre.

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