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NASP comment on PCS Examiner member ballot

NASP is aware that a ballot of PCS (Public and Commercial Services Union - one of the main unions for Driving Examiners) members has recently taken place. PCS states that the results of this ballot clearly demonstrate the health and safety concerns of their members following their return to work at driving test centres across the country.

86% of those who voted in the PCS ballot believe that it is not safe to return to work. Nearly all, **96%** believed that staff should not be forced to return. **90%** also believe that candidates should be mandated to take a COVID test before attending a test centre for their assessment. **73%** of members **balloted** are prepared to take action to support these demands.

Read the PCS update on this ballot here:

<https://www.pcs.org.uk/department-for-transport/news/covid-19-update-%E2%80%93-de-ballot-result>

It is worth noting that PCS represents only a proportion of DVSA Examiners, and not all members voted in this ballot, so the results do not necessarily echo the views of all Examiners, nor is this ballot a sign Examiners will take any action that could disrupt services.

We have contacted DVSA today to understand whether they have any concerns regarding this latest ballot, and whether they foresee any disruption to services - now and moving forward. DVSA have a continuing dialogue with their Examiners (and the unions) about issues relating to managing test delivery in the context of COVID-19. Both unions and Examiners have been closely consulted on any measures put in place to safeguard Examiners, trainers and pupils in the testing process, and any decisions to develop the level of testing offered. At this time is no impact to testing services. We will keep you updated on this issue.