



**RSA CVRT Year
Planner 2026**
for **Commercial
Vehicle Operators**

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January 2026		Schedule drivers' activities - Address driver fatigue				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026		Safe driving and roadworthy vehicles contribute to road safety				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026		Check drivers' driving licences frequently				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April 2026		Check expiry date of tachograph driver cards				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2026		Driver fatigue - Wake up to it				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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June 2026		Monitor driving times, breaks and rest periods				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2026		Ensure drivers complete vehicle walk around check daily				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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August 2026		Address driver fatigue - Plan schedules carefully				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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September 2026		Ensure vehicles are maintained and serviced				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2026		Ensure vehicles & trailers are roadworthy				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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November 2026		Fix all vehicle defects immediately				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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December 2026		Comply with drivers' hours rules				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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User Guide for 2026 Planned Vehicle and Trailer Maintenance Schedule

1. Click on the column Vehicle Type and enter the vehicle type of the relevant vehicle.
2. Use TAB key and enter the vehicle registration number under Registration No.
3. Use TAB key (**TAB key must be used to enter data – you cannot just click in the cell to enter data**) and enter the key letter (see bottom of the page for details).
4. Fill in the required Maintenance Key for each vehicle – Page 4 covers January to April, Page 5 covers May to August and Page 6 covers September to December.
5. As the required maintenance for each vehicle is completed, click on the appropriate cell with the Maintenance Key entered. This will insert a ✓ on top of the Maintenance Key to show that the required maintenance is carried out.
6. **Don't forget to save the document each time you make changes.**

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Driver and Operator Maintenance

Are you up-to-date with the latest requirements?

Go to www.cvrt.ie and click on **Operator & Driver Obligations**. Here you can find out about any of the following:

- Tachograph Driver and Company Cards. Apply online at least 3–4 weeks before your current card expires.
- Managing Drivers' Hours and Working Time
- Tachograph Equipment
- Drivers Hours
- Enforcement inspections – Roadside and Premises
- Self-Declaration
- Vehicle maintenance & repairs
- Preventative Maintenance
- Daily walk around checks
- Record Keeping requirements
- Voluntary Tests

Risk Rating - EU Common Formula

The EU has introduced a common formula for determining the risk status of operators via Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/695. RSA implemented this new system in April 2025. It replaces the Commercial Vehicle Operator Risk Indicator (CVORI) system.

The decision to introduce the common formula across the EU is to contribute significantly to the harmonisation of enforcement practices throughout the Union, by ensuring that all drivers and transport undertakings are treated equally as regards checks and sanctions under the applicable Union rules; and to facilitate the exchange of information on risk scores in the context of cross-border enforcement.

As with the CVORI system, risk ratings computed according to this new system are available to all HCV Operators. Operators that have a current self-declaration can view their risk rating online. In all cases operators can only view their own risk rating. The RSA does not share an operator's risk rating with any person other than the operator themselves.

For further information, please visit www.rsa.ie.

Keep compliant

The easiest way to keep compliant is to do the basic things right.

Roadworthiness	Driver Hours
<p>✓ Ensure your vehicles are tested on time and, with valid discs displayed on vehicles undertaking international journeys.</p>	<p>✓ Make sure your drivers have tachograph driver cards and that they comply with the driving time, breaks and rest periods and working time rules.</p>
<p>✓ Keep your vehicles roadworthy. Have preventative maintenance systems in place to check your vehicles for potential defects</p>	<p>✓ Check that your tachograph equipment and tachograph driver cards work properly and drivers can use them correctly</p>
<p>✓ Always conduct walk-around checks before driving vehicles – keep records of the defects found and when they were fixed</p>	<p>✓ Keep adequate records on drivers hours (including analogue and digital tachograph records)</p>
<p>✓ Have a current Operator Self-Declaration submitted to the RSA via your CVRT Online Account</p>	<p>✓ Make sure all the vehicles you operate are on your transport licence (where required)</p>
<p>✓ Make use of CVRT voluntary tests in between your annual statutory test dates</p>	<p>✓ Comply with EU Rules, Irish Regulations and provisions of the Working Time Directive</p>

Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs)

Operators of light commercial vehicles and vans with a gross vehicle weight of more than 2.5 tonnes engaged in the international transport of goods or in cabotage operations for hire or reward have been required to comply with operator licensing requirements since May 2022. Please note that these vehicles will also come within scope of the tachograph and drivers' hours regulations from July 2026.

The Driver CPC

For everything you need to know about the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) driver standard, including how to get one, how to keep one and who is exempt, go to www.rsa.ie – Professional Drivers (CPC). Please remember to check the expiry date on your Driver CPC card and ensure that you have the relevant CPC training modules completed in advance of that date to allow for renewal.

Did you know that you can renew your learner permit or licence online?



If you have a Public Services Card (PSC) and a verified MyGovID account you may be able to renew your licence or permit online.

Visit ndls.ie and find out more.

Useful Contacts

Road Safety Authority

Clonfert House, Bride Street, Loughrea,
Co. Galway. H62 ET93
Tel: 091 872600
Website: www.rsa.ie and www.cvrt.ie

Department of Transport

Road Transport Operator Licensing,
Clonfert House, Bride Street, Loughrea,
Co. Galway. H62 ET93
Tel: 091 872950 Email: rtol@transport.gov.ie
Website: www.rtol.ie

RSA guidance material for operators and drivers
is available on our website at
www.rsa.ie and www.cvrt.ie

RSA Hotline - 091 872 647

RSA maintains a hotline that people can
use to provide information (anonymously if
preferred) on breaches of tachograph and
drivers hours rules and/or unroadworthy
vehicles.

The RSA wishes to ensure the highest
standards in quality and integrity. If you feel
that a commercial vehicle test has been
compromised in any way and wish to appeal
the result, please submit the details by email
to cvrtadmin@rsa.ie for investigation.

If you would like to give us feedback please
email cvrtconfidential@rsa.ie

All information will be treated with the
strictest confidence.

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Údaras Um Shábháileacht Ar Bhóithre
Road Safety Authority

Páirc Ghnó Ghleann na Muaidhe, Cnoc an tSabhaircín,
Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath, Béal an Átha, Co. Mhaigh Eo

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