

Approval of new minibus driver

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As per the Transport Policy – Operation Procedures passed by the Executive Committee on 4th November 2010, a student needs approval of the Executive Committee to become an approved driver due to the student having a minor collision in May 2009 resulting in a 3rd party claim for damage and personal injury of £13,584.

Statement from applicant

The incident was around two and a half years ago in May 2009. It was raining heavily on the day and the roads were wet, I was driving through central Belfast around 5pm so quite busy traffic. I was behind a small car with two passengers in it, a car pulled out of a side street in front of them and we both braked. Unfortunately my car did not come to a stop in time and there was a minor collision. There was very little visual damage to the back of their car and both passengers got out and we exchanged details without any sign of injury.

This is the student's only accident and the information given in this paper is from an email conversation.

Guidelines for assessing potential driving status - Driving history

- *Information about accidents in the previous three years will be collected, including details of accidents, insurance claims and insurance history.*
- *Where the total cost of damages to vehicles (driver or third party) from incidents in the past three years is less than £2000 the Membership Services staff shall approve the application. In cases of concern the applications shall be deferred to the Executive Committee for approval.*
- *Where the total cost of damages to vehicles (driver or third party) from incidents in the past three years is £2000 or more the Executive Committee shall approve the application.*

Decision required:

For the Executive Committee to approve the student applicant to undertake the procedure to become an approved Union Mini bus driver