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IMI ADVANCES LICENCE TO PRACTISE CAMPAIGN WITH NEW OLEV MEETING

The IMI met with representatives from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) on the 13th August in the IMI's latest stage of progressing its *Licence to Practise* collaboration with government.

The meeting follows the positive news of the IMI's inclusion in the Department for Transport's *Road to Zero* strategy paper in July, where IMI are listed as the leading industry body in helping to assist government in understanding how maintenance and repair of electric vehicles can be carried out in a safe and professional manner.

Following significant dialogue with OLEV, with the ambition of securing an eventual government mandate for its Licence to Practise policy, the IMI is further developing its regulatory proposals put forward to government to protect those undertaking work on electric vehicles.



CAR RETAILERS FACING POST-BREXIT EMPLOYEE SHORTAGE

Motor Industry business improver *Coachworks Consulting* warns that a serious recruitment shortfall in the UK's car retailing sector could be caused by the uncertainty over post-Brexit employment status of EU nationals.

Coachworks Consulting managing director Karl Davis highlights the importance of the free movement of labour within the EU to the automotive retail sector:

"One of the key unresolved issues in the Brexit debate is what will happen after March 29, 2019 when businesses need to recruit new staff.

"The UK car retailing sector has long benefitted from the skills and work ethic of employees from EU member states, across all disciplines from sales through to valeting. While the status of European immigrants currently employed in our sector looks assured, we still do not know if the free movement rules will remain".

FORD BLAMES BREXIT FOR DROP IN PROFITABILITY

Car Manufacturer Ford has promised that it will take "whatever action is needed" to protect its business after Brexit.

Ford's profits dropped by £760m in 2017, attributing £460 million of the losses to the drop in the value of the pound since the UK voted to leave the European Union.



NEARLY 80% OF DIESEL CARS EXCEED EMISSIONS LIMIT

A report from consumer group Which? finds that almost 80% of modern diesel cars exceed their stated emissions limits.

Which? tested 61 modern cars, with 47 of them being found to exceed the Euro 6 limit of 0.08g/km NO_x (oxides of nitrogen).

The worst performer was the Subaru Forester (2013-present) that produced 2.0g/km of NO_x, 25 times higher than the Euro 6 limit it met in official tests.



NEW BATTERY COULD CHARGE ELECTRIC CARS IN SECONDS

New battery technology being developed by researchers at the University of Glasgow could charge electric vehicles in the same time as it takes to fill a conventional fuel tank.

The breakthrough could be revolutionary for the EV market given that some electric vehicles currently take hours to fully recharge.

The government's *Road to Zero* strategy outlines a number of measures to boost the current charging infrastructure network, such as a push for charge points to be installed in new build homes, a £400 million Charging Infrastructure Investment Fund and a £40 million programme to develop and trial innovative, low cost wireless and on-street charging technology.



UK ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY COULD VALUE AT £8.7BN AND CREATE 103,000 JOBS BY 2030

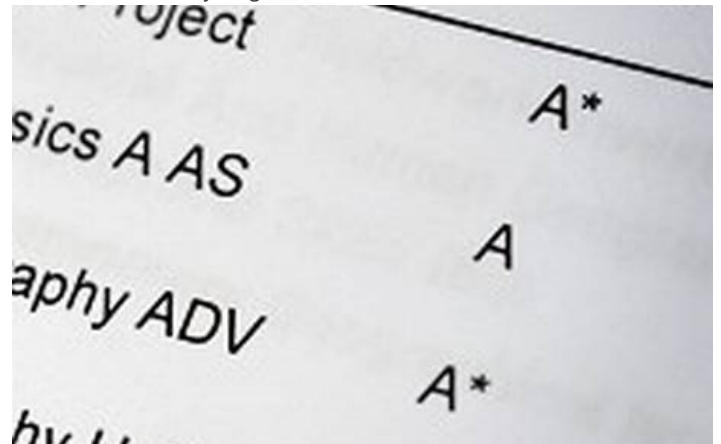
A new study from economics consultancy group Vivid Economics has found that the UK's electric vehicle industry could reach a value of up to £8.7 billion, produce 980,000 vehicles per year and create 103,000 jobs by 2030.

Vivid Economics predicts a 2030 phase-out would reduce CO₂ emissions from cars and vans by 13 million tonnes, and reduce NO_x (oxides of nitrogen) emissions from 134 thousand tonnes presently, to around 42 thousand tonnes in 2030.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) commissioned the research. Having previously approached Vivid Economics to carry out research investigating the benefits of bringing forward the deadline of the ban of new petrol and diesel cars from 2040 to 2030.

A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY

- The proportion of students in England gaining C grades or above in A-Levels dropped marginally to 78.4% from 79% last year.
- A-Level entries in science, technology and Maths continue to rise, with subjects classed as STEM by the Joint Council for Qualifications accounting for 36.2% per cent of all UK A-Level entries, which stood at 34.5% in 2017.
- A new survey from the Association of Accounting Technicians finds that employers favour apprenticeships or work experience over university degrees.



GOVERNMENT PLAYS DOWN TARGET OF 3 MILLION APPRENTICESHIP STARTS BY 2020

The Government has refused to comment as to whether its target of 3 million apprenticeship starts by 2020 is achievable, after a continual period in the decline of apprenticeship starts.

This comes after analysis by the Engineering Employers Federation suggests that the government would need 70,000 apprenticeship starts every month until April 2020 to meet its target. Since the apprenticeship levy was introduced in April 2017 – designed with the intention of boosting apprenticeship starts – the average amount of monthly starts has been 28,000, opposed to 44,000 before the levy took effect.



PENDRAGON TO INSTALL DEFIBRILLATORS AT CAR DEALERSHIPS IN ANTICIPATION OF EV-RELATED INCIDENTS

Pendragon, a leading UK automotive retailer, has announced a deal with St John's Ambulance which will see it install defibrillators at all of its UK car dealerships in anticipation of EV-related incidents.

More than 200 ZOLL AED Plus devices will be installed over the next month and this extends to all Pendragon brands, including Stratstone, Evans Halshaw, Car Store and Daf.

The announcement from Pendragon underlines the health and safety implications associated with the maintenance and repair of high-voltage electrified vehicles. The IMI has been campaigning for a Licence to Practise to protect technicians working on the high-voltage systems in such vehicles.

PETROL AND DIESEL CARS BANNED FROM EAST LONDON ROADS

Petrol and diesel cars will be banned from nine roads in East London in an attempt to improve air quality in the capital.

Drivers will receive a £130 penalty if they use anything other than electric or hybrid models in areas of Hackney and Islington between 7-10am and 4pm-7pm on weekdays.

The ban is one of several new measures to be implemented in an attempt to reduce emissions and improve air quality. In April 2019, an Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle Zone will be introduced to London, where those that drive a vehicle that does not meet certain emissions standards will face a daily pollution charge of £12.50.



EMPLOYERS RELUCTANT TO OFFER T-LEVEL WORK PLACEMENTS

A new study from the CIPD (Chartered Institute of Professional Development) finds that most employers are unable to currently offer work experience placements demanded from the forthcoming T-Level programmes.

T-Level work experience placements require students to undertake a work placement lasting between 45 to 60 days, covering a minimum of 315 hours.

Findings from the report:

- 26% of employers said they could offer a T-Level compliant work placement, 22% said they could with a financial incentive and 24% said they couldn't in any circumstance.
- 60% of the 2,000 employers questioned were unaware of T-Levels, although 44% said that the qualifications would make a positive difference to young people's employability.
- In other findings, 28% of employers would opt for a graduate when recruiting somebody from education for an entry level role, compared with 14 per cent who would hire an apprentice.
- 54% of those who had recruited somebody from education said university and higher education leavers were either very or fairly well prepared for work.

