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Emergency Driving Training – Applications Open 10 May 2021

DFES is introducing an exciting new course – Emergency Driving Training (EDT) – to improve the safety of volunteers, staff and the community.

The course will be run from the new Koolinup Emergency Services Centre in Collie and the Collie Motorplex, complimenting ‘On Road Driving’ training to provide the skills to safely drive under emergency conditions. Where possible vehicles used in EDT will reflect those used by volunteers operationally.

What is involved in the course?

Following successful completion of an online assessment you will head to Collie for two-day practical emergency driving training. Accommodation and refreshments will be provided. The first day covers emergency braking under various conditions and hazard avoidance training. On the second day you will undertake a drive navigating through a challenging obstacle course with tight turns and a circuit drive through simulated on road emergency driving scenarios.

Attaining EDT will be compulsory for DFES volunteer pathways to drive under emergency conditions and available for Local Government Bushfire Service (LG BFS) volunteers to complete. Importantly, a five-year transition period is being introduced to allow the time to provide this important training to volunteers who drive under emergency conditions.

A number of progressions to attaining Emergency Driving Training have been identified. As part of this a Recognition of Current Competency program will also be offered to volunteers and staff who can demonstrate operational driving experience. Please refer to the end of this Circular for details.

Finding the course relevant to what is required while driving under emergency conditions, Wayne Jackson, Myalup BFB Fire Control Officer, said this is “definitely a course that every driver of an emergency vehicle needs to attend”.

Important Dates and Details

Emergency Driving Training course code is DFES1028.

The first course will be run on the weekend of 3rd and 4th July 2021. Applications open on Monday 10th May 2021 on eAcademy and close 4th June 2021. To apply



simply log into eAcademy, search for the 'Emergency Driving Training' course and submit your application.

The following EDT course dates will be available in eAcademy:

- 14th and 15th July 2021
- 24th and 25th July 2021
- 14th and 15th August 2021
- 18th and 19th August 2021
- 21st and 22nd August 2021
- 28th and 29th August 2021

For further information visit [DFES Intranet](#) or [Volunteer Hub](#) (Select Emergency Driving Training under the Koolinup Emergency Services Centre project page):

- Course prerequisites
- Progressions to attaining EDT
- Recognition of Current Competency – provides opportunity to apply for exemption from having to undertake EDT to those with operational driving experience

If you have any questions, please contact us at EDT@DFES.wa.gov.au.

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Emergency Driving Training Progressions

