

RESEARCH SUMMARY

Title	Pass Plus evaluation
Objective	Assessment of Pass Plus applicants' views of the scheme and its impacts one year after application
Date	April 2009
Methodology	603 postal questionnaires completed by Pass Plus London scheme applicants, one year after application. Comparisons made with 3,156 questionnaires sent on application.

Key findings

- Almost all applicants (99%) started and completed the Pass Plus course.
- The majority were very positive towards the course. More than nine out of ten agreed it was useful. More than eight out of ten felt that they were more confident, safer and / or better drivers after completing it. Nine out of ten would recommend it.
- Those who completed the Pass Plus course were more likely to rate themselves as confident drivers than those who have applied for but not (yet) started the Pass Plus course.
- Those who completed the Pass Plus course were more likely to have driven many more miles since completing it, compared with the miles driven by initial applicants after passing their test. Perhaps unsurprisingly, they were more likely to have encountered difficult driving situations, particularly in 'driving in bad weather', 'overtaking', 'driving on a motorway', 'night time driving', 'emergency stop for a pedestrian' and 'not being able to stop at red light'.
- One in five who completed the Pass Plus course had experienced a collision with another vehicle. Almost half of these collisions were claimed to be not the fault of the driver.
- Just over one in six had been stopped by police. At least one third of these were due to random stop and searches. More than one in five were as a result of speeding or a warning for another type of poor or dangerous driving behaviour.

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