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Dear All

CYCLING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING ORGANISATIONS

The DfT has notified the organisations that it will be recognising as providers of high quality cycling instructor training. Organisations recognised as “Instructor Training Organisations” (ITOs) will train instructors to deliver the National Standard for cycle training.

ITOs will also provide National Standard Instructors with opportunities for continuing professional development and other services. “Bikeability” instructors who deliver training for local authorities and School Sport Partnerships will need to ensure that they register with an ITO.

There are 18 recognised ITOs:

- Advanced Cycle Training
- BikeRight!
- British Cycling
- CTC
- Cycle Training UK Ltd
- Cycle Training West Midlands (Local Authority consortium)
- Cycle Experience
- Cycle Training East
- Cycling Instructor Ltd
- Cycling Solutions
- Devon County Council
- East Region (Local Authority consortium)
- Haddenham Cycle Training
- Life Cycle UK
- Outspoken
- Pedal Ready
- Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
- Wiltshire County Council

All ITOs will be reviewed periodically to ensure maintenance of standards. Initial reviews are likely to take place up to 18 months after the ITO is recognised by the DfT and at regular intervals thereafter at the Department's discretion.

The need for and timing of any future application process will be considered by the DfT.

What do Bikeability schemes need to do now?

- Bikeability schemes that deliver cycle training for Local Authorities and/or School Sport Partnerships that draw down DfT funding will need to ensure their instructors become members of a recognised ITO.
- The ITOs may set their own requirements for membership, including any charges, and instructors should contact an ITO of their choosing to find out how to register for membership. The DfT will also be writing to individual National Standard Instructors to inform them of the introduction of ITOs.
- It is the responsibility of Bikeability scheme organisers to ensure their instructors are members of a recognised ITO.
- Bikeability schemes will need to ensure they use a recognised ITO if they need to send staff on National Standard Instructor training courses.

A Q&A note accompanies this letter. If you have any further questions about ITOs please email contactus@bikeability.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Hollowood".

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