

SEAT BELT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

We receive a small number of requests for these each year. Although some doctors who previously worked at this practice did issue these, our current policy is not to issue them for the following reasons:

The DVLA's guidance 'Medical Exemption from Compulsory Seat Belt Wearing' highlights 'the overwhelming evidence to show that seatbelts prevent death and serious injury in road traffic accidents'.

There are no conditions (including pregnancy) which justify automatic exemption.

Devices designed to overcome difficulties with wearing seatbelts in people with disabilities, stoma users and those with chest problems are now widely available. Further information on this can be accessed via the above link.

If you still feel that you require such a certificate, we will need the written support of a specialist in the field of medicine relevant to your disability to be able to issue this. Please note that this is not an NHS service so you will be responsible for the full cost of any medical examination required before they can produce the letter of support.