



Sandy Burgess
sandy.burgess@smta.co.uk

Our Reference: 202000117336
Your Reference: URGENT CLARIFICATION REQUIRED

11 December 2020

Dear Sandy,

Thank you for your e-mail on 18 November to Scottish Ministers requesting clarity for your business. I have been asked to respond as I work within the Scottish Government's Business and Enterprise team.

Only essential retail will be able to remain open in Level 4 providing they follow and have implemented Scottish Government guidance to ensure the safety of customers and staff. A list of essential retail can be found in the question and answer section under the sub heading '[the shopping experience](#)'.

Within this guidance, the following two questions that pertain to your industry are included as follows:

Q: Will people be able to buy a new or used car?

A: Yes – car sales will be allowed, although businesses must put in place measures to operate safely, for workers and customers, including physical distancing and other measures in concluding transactions. Customers will be expected to adhere to these measures.

Q: Can a potential buyer take a car for a test drive before buying it?

A: Yes – but we would recommend that the same physical distancing, vehicle cleaning and ventilation measures set out in the [driving lesson guidance](#) before and after taking a test drive.

I appreciate you seeking clarity as it cannot be stressed enough how important it is for all industries to comply with guidance in order to control the virus. We appreciate that these are uncertain times but please let me reassure you that we are doing all we can to provide support to businesses and enable

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot



them to return to work as quickly and safely as possible, whilst protecting against risks to public health.

Yours sincerely,

Kristoffer McKeown
EID : Innovation and Life Sciences

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot

St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
www.gov.scot



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE

Accredited
Until 2020

