

Instructor's Insight

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Welcome

Well, with 2018 firmly under way, we at LIVINGSTONE are gearing up for what seems to be an exciting period ahead of us.

Our first edition of “Instructor’s Insight” has been well received and we are looking forward to engaging further with more Driving School owners and drivers.

In this second issue we are focusing on The Southern African Institute of Driving Instructors (SAIDI). SAIDI members and driving schools promote professional driver education and training in the industry to ensure the development of well trained and safe defensive drivers in South Africa.

This organisation performs an important service to the Driving School Industry and hopefully our readers will benefit greatly from the articles in this issue.

As always, we look forward to adding value to the Driving School Industry and our clients. Please share any ideas or requests for information with us. This will promote some interesting content for the next issues of this publication.

LIVINGSTONE has been servicing the Driving School Industry for many years and we look forward to engaging with you via this platform.

Have a great second quarter in 2018!

The logo for LIVINGSTONE is written in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving it a 3D appearance. Below the text is a solid green horizontal line.

LIVINGSTONE Courtesy Car - Gauteng

Exciting news for the Gauteng region – there is now a dual control courtesy car available for our clients.

Dual Control Courtesy Car Now Available

Keeping you operational

A dual control courtesy car has become available for LIVINGSTONE clients in the Gauteng region.

Our fully-comprehensive clients would have the option of using this vehicle immediately, instead of receiving a rental vehicle or claiming loss of revenue.



Driving at Night

According to some research, traffic death rates are three times greater at night than during the day. Yet many of us are unaware of night driving's special hazards or don't know effective ways to deal with them. We thought that a few night-time driving tips could prove helpful.

Night driving is dangerous. The following tips may be helpful.

Recommendations

Have your headlights properly aimed. Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce your ability to see the road.

Reduce your speed and increase your following distances. It is more difficult to judge other vehicle's speeds and distances at night.

When following another vehicle, keep your headlights on low beams so you don't blind the driver ahead of you.

If an oncoming vehicle doesn't lower beams from high to low, avoid glare by watching the side of the road, then look quickly ahead to determine the other vehicle's position. Keep doing this until you have passed the other vehicle. Do not retaliate by turning on your high-beam headlights.

Do not strain yourself by driving continuously. Make frequent stops for light snacks and exercise. If you're too tired to drive, stop and get rest.



The Southern African Institute of Driving Instructors

SAIDI sets standards in the driving school industry and for individual driving instructors.



SAIDI invites all hard-working, dedicated driving instructors around the country to join us.

- *In that way the public will know your driving school can be trusted because you will be under our Code of Conduct.*
- *We represent your interests at Government meetings. Please send us your issues. We promise to try to assist you by putting you in touch with the correct authorities and speaking to them on your behalf.*
- *New members get a lovely gift package to help you to set and maintain high standards.*
- *Free website listing.*

- *When the public look for accredited driving instructors in your area, your webpage will guide them directly to you.*
- *SAIDI receives calls and emails almost every day from lawyers representing the public and from learner drivers who are being forced by unregistered driving schools to pay for crashes which those unregistered driving instructors should have been able to prevent.*
- *Upset clients search the internet for help and find us.*
- *SAIDI is very highly regarded - with good reason!*

In 2015, the SAIDI Constitution was amended to include Driving Schools for the first time as members.

SAIDI is experiencing phenomenal growth:

SAIDI grew phenomenally in recent years and now has representation in all Provinces.

Members of all ethnic groups are welcome.

Clearly members serve the communities where they live to meet the people's needs.

- *Let us list you in your area too!*

Laws affecting Driving Schools in South Africa:

1. No laws for driving schools have ever existed in South Africa for 42 years.
2. The legal framework for driving schools is presently under review.
3. SAIDI is represented on the Legislative Framework Committee.

Laws affecting Driving Instructors in South Arica:

Section 28, 28 A, B and C of the NRTA 93 of 1996 apply:

Section 28.

(1) No person shall act as instructor unless he or she is registered in terms of section 28B.

(2) No person shall employ any other person as an instructor or make use of any other person's services as instructor, unless that other person is registered as an instructor in terms of section 28B.

Section 28A. Application for registration as instructor

Any person desiring to be registered as an instructor shall in the prescribed manner apply to the chief executive officer.

Section 28B. Registration and grading of instructors

(1) No person shall be registered to act as instructor unless he or she

(a) has passed the prescribed examination;

(b) is of good character; and

(c) is mentally and physically fit to act as an instructor and was medically examined to ascertain such fitness.

(2) A person referred to in subsection (1) shall only be registered as an instructor in respect of a class of motor vehicle which he or she is licensed to drive.

(3) The chief executive officer shall, if satisfied that an applicant referred to in section 28A complies with subsections (1) and (2), register and grade such applicant in the prescribed manner.

28C. Suspension and cancellation of registration of instructor

The chief executive officer may, for the period he or she deems fit, in the prescribed manner, suspend or

cancel the registration of an instructor if that instructor

(a) in the opinion of the chief executive officer, is guilty of misconduct in the exercise of his or her powers or the performance of his or her duties; or

(b) failed within the prescribed period to attend an appropriate refresher course at a training centre

approved by the Shareholders Committee.

Road Carnage:

Road carnage is exceptionally high in South Africa, averaging at much more than 14 000 road deaths annually.

See:

<https://www.arrivealive.co.za/documents/SA%20Road%20Safety%20Report%202017.pdf>

Corruption to obtain driving licences:

Corruption is rife.

- Sometimes examiners demand bribes before being willing to pass new drivers.
- Some instructors offer bribes to examiners for passes.

- This is a major factor in the high number of crashes.
- K53 well-trained instructors do not need to buy licences.
- We are pushing for lifestyle audits and report all corruption to the relevant authorities.

SAIDI members have a moral obligation to ensure the highest standards of integrity and training within the driving school industry and they do.

We are very proud of our members.

Even the AA acknowledge the contribution to road safety made by our members.

The general standard of driving in South Africa:

1. *Lawlessness on our roads is bordering on total anarchy.*
2. *Road carnage is not the only concern. Disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and other very serious side effects of a low standard of driving make driving to a low standard a very dangerous occupation.*
3. *Definition of "anarchy:" A state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems.*
4. *It is widely acknowledged that alcohol and drugs play a major role in road crashes, but so far, too little attention has been given to the emotional state of drivers. When people are strongly affected by extreme emotions, they are capable of very unsafe driving practices. Yes, furious rage, jealousy, arrogance, aggression and countless other violent emotions can influence a driver's standard of driving, but even euphoric, silly or joyful feelings can sometimes make people to do very dangerous things on the road.*

What role does SAIDI play in all this?

As the only Association formed over 42 years ago, the goal of the Code of Conduct for the Southern African Institute of Driving Instructors (SAIDI) members and driving schools is to promote a professional driver education and training industry to ensure the development of well trained and safe defensive drivers in South Africa.

We offer the public safe, experienced driving instructors under our Code of Conduct.

Fully-comprehensive training programmes are available

Requirements to be a SAIDI Member:

To become a member of SAIDI, driving instructors need to provide us with the following documentation:

- *A fully-completed "SAIDI Application for Membership" form. SAIDI Application for Individual Membership 2017.*
- *A certified copy of your valid instructor's certificate, as required per legislation* (See relevant legislation on the website).*
- *If your Province does not process instructor applications, we will consider accepting your membership provided you are willing to comply with our requirements. Please contact us.*
- *Website details form – Instructors details for website*
- *A recent photograph of your face.*
- *An up-to-date photograph of your vehicle / s*
- *A certified copy of your identity book.*
- *A certified copy of your driving licence.*
- *The receipt for the payment indicated on the "SAIDI Application for Membership" form.*
- *A certified copy of your motor insurance plan.*

Please email your fully completed documents to info@saidinational.org

SAIDI is represented on:

DTI – Technical Committee – K53 renewal and PrDP laws presently under review

The NDOT / Provincial Driving Licence Standards/ Bus Companies/ RFA / RTMC / QCTO setting the first curriculum in place for driving instructors

1. National Driving School Task Team
2. Legislative Framework

The National Driving School Forum

Global Road Safety

SABS:

1. Baby safety restraints
2. Adaptations for people with disabilities

Gauteng Provincial Government:

Team to set laws in place for people with disabilities with MEC Gauteng Ismail Vadi.

And many more.

Come and join us!



DGC Glass

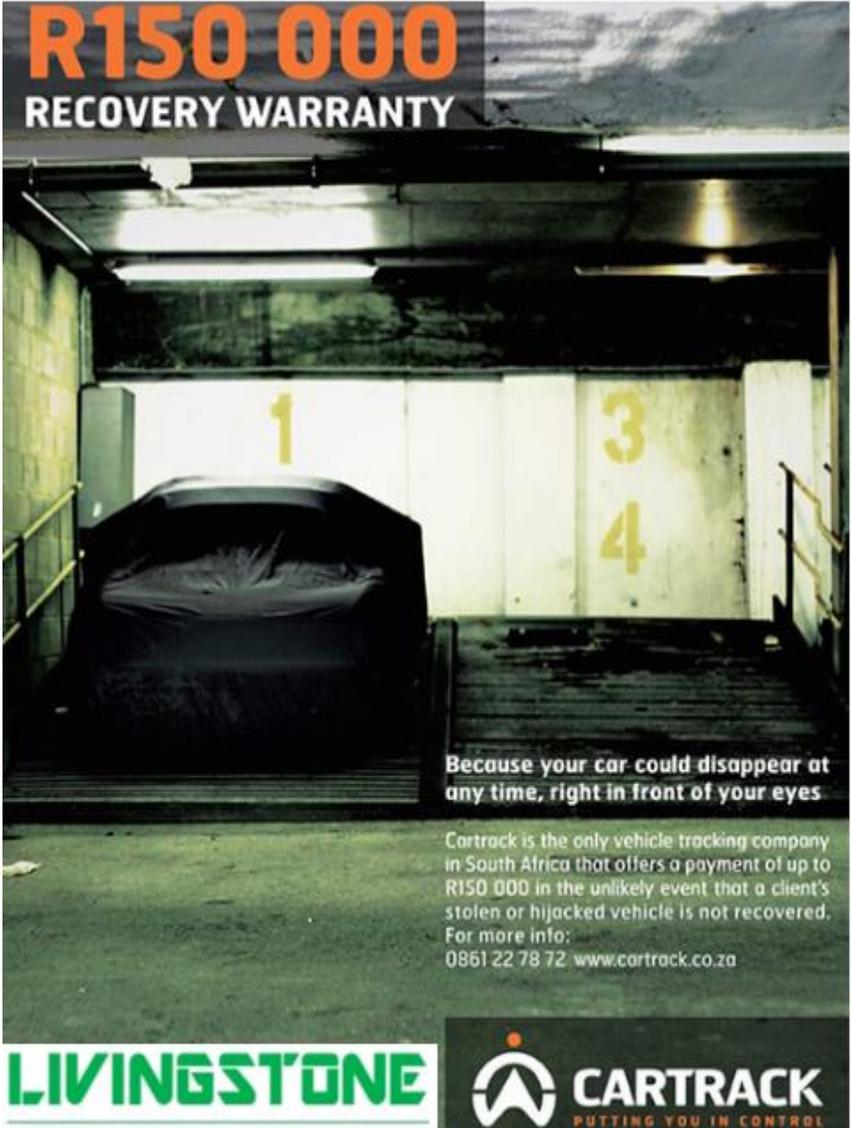


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