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Planning

Custom Fit Motorcycle Examiner Earplugs 2026

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

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Scope

Reference

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Description

DVSA motorcycle examiners conduct riding tests for candidates seeking entitlement to ride motorcycles on public roads. To carry out these tests, examiners spend up to eight hours a day on a motorcycle and may reach speeds of up to 70 mph.

Research indicates that riding at speeds above 60 mph can lead to hearing loss caused by excessive wind noise. To mitigate this risk, DVSA introduced routine audiology assessments for motorcycle examiners and the use of custom-fitted earplugs.

DVSA now intends to award a contract to a single supplier to provide two pairs of custom-fitted earplugs for each examiner, with replacements supplied every two years. The service will include on-site fitting, where the supplier visits DVSA locations to take ear canal impressions before delivering the custom earplugs.

It is estimated that approximately 150 ear impressions will be taken annually, resulting in the supply of around 300 pairs of custom-fitted earplugs each year.

Total value (estimated)

- £135,000 excluding VAT
- £162,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 14 May 2026 to 13 May 2028
- Possible extension to 13 May 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 18143000 - Protective gear

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

22 December 2025

Engagement process description

DVSA is issuing this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice (UK2) as a Request for Information (RFI) to engage with the market. The purpose is to gather insights into the market's capacity and appetite for the upcoming Custom Fit Motorcycle Examiner Earplugs 2026 requirement.

The RFI will be open from 08th December 2025 to 22nd December 2025.

If you are interested in participating and would like access to the RFI documents, please contact the team at:

G&Scategoryteam@dvs.gov.uk

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTMM-2614-YJDV

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