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A new and improved commercial vehicle testing centre has launched in Killimore, Ballinasloe. Priority Drilling Limited, Vehicle Testing Network (VTN) Test Centre has expanded to have extra lanes and three qualified testers in their brand-new, state of the art building. The three qualified testers are using high-tech, modern equipment in the new building, guaranteeing that customers do not have to wait on a list for their commercial vehicle testing.

Priority Drilling Limited tests heavy and light commercial vehicles for road worthiness, as well as undertakes calibration of tachographs and speed limiters. Using ultra-modern,

brand new equipment, Priority Drilling Limited guarantees a quick response for that yearly test and promises a convenient service with professional care. Priority Drilling Limited provides an experienced, qualified service to vans, trucks, buses and lorries being tested in accordance with official government guidelines and regulations.

Priority Drilling Limited was originally opened in the early 1980's and was rebuilt and restructured in January 2006 in accordance with regulations from the Department of Transportation, becoming a bigger, more up-to-date testing centre. This new testing centre allows for more testing and less wait time by professional, experienced technicians in a fresh, open atmosphere. The new test centre features comfortable waiting rooms, clean rest rooms, light snacks and tea and coffee for its customers

while they wait for the test to be completed.

The expansion and reopening of this centre has been a huge convenience to commercial vehicle owners in and around Ballinasloe, who will now be able to access the service practically on their doorstep. "We are a professional centre offering tests that follow government regulations without the hassle of having to be put on a waiting list," Deirdre from Priority Drilling Limited said.

Priority Drilling Limited is conveniently situated on the N65, 13 kilometres from Loughrea, 18 kilometres from Ballinasloe and 10 kilometres from Portumna. This location is within easy access for many in the suburbs and country and is convenient for not having to wade through traffic in order to locate the testing centre.

Priority Drilling Limited Test Centre is privately owned by Mike McCarthy, Michael

McCarthy and John McCarthy, and does vehicle testing inspections on behalf of the Department of Transportation. The equipment used is compatible with all new European Communities (EC) regulations and is state-of-the-art, modern technology, used by professional, certified and experienced technicians.

"We guarantee compatibility with EC regulations so even if the test was taken in Paris, it's the exact same as here so the standards are the same," Deirdre said. "National regulations now require that testing be carried out on all commercial vehicles every year. Priority Drilling Limited performs these tests with minimal hassle to our customers, with no waiting lists, and in as little time as possible."

Testing on trucks takes approximately 50 minutes, while light commercial jeeps,

vans, pickups take approximately 30 minutes, allowing for those busy during the day to make a convenient lunch appointment for testing.

All that is required for commercial vehicles to take the test is that the vehicle be reasonably clean, the Vehicle Licensing Certificate or tax book and the fee to be paid in the form of a cheque or cash. "It's a simple process and we like to provide our customers with as convenient of a process as possible," Deirdre said.

For vehicles with design gross weight not exceeding 3,500kilograms, the price is 64.13 + 13.5%VAT. Ambulances, 85.54 + 13.5%VAT. Trailers, 96.20 + 13.5%VAT. Vehicles having a design gross weight exceeding 7,500 kilograms with four or more axels 149.67 + 13.5% VAT. Vehicles having design gross weight exceeding 7,500 kilograms with three axels,

133.64 + 13.5% VAT. Vehicles having design gross weight exceeding 7,500 kilograms with 2 axels, 106.94 + 13.5% VAT. All buses with eight seats or more 133.64 + 21%VAT. Calibration, two years, 125 + 13.5%VAT. Calibration, six years, 175 + 13.5%VAT.

Priority Drilling Limited complies with all regulations for testing commercial vehicles, enhancing and assisting the effectiveness and transparency of the vehicle testing scheme. Complying with new regulations from the Department of Transport, Priority Drilling Limited has also introduced a retest along similar lines to the NCT.

Priority Drilling Limited delivers its services in an efficient and well-organised manner at the highest international standards, providing a reliable, competent service to those looking to get their

commercial vehicles tested. Customers' records are kept in a database that allows an annual reminder to be sent out about a month in advance of customers' next test due date, giving them enough time to get the vehicle in order for the test.

"We pride ourselves on being professional and offering a quick and convenient service to our customers. We give commercial vehicles tests that comply with regulations from the Department of Transport as well as give customers the opportunity to avoid long waiting lists that might be found elsewhere," Deirdre said.

Priority Drilling Hours:
Open Monday-Friday 8.30-5pm. Appointments can be made by calling 090 9676117, or 087 1236 386 or 1236385, also by email **lyonsd@priority.ie.**