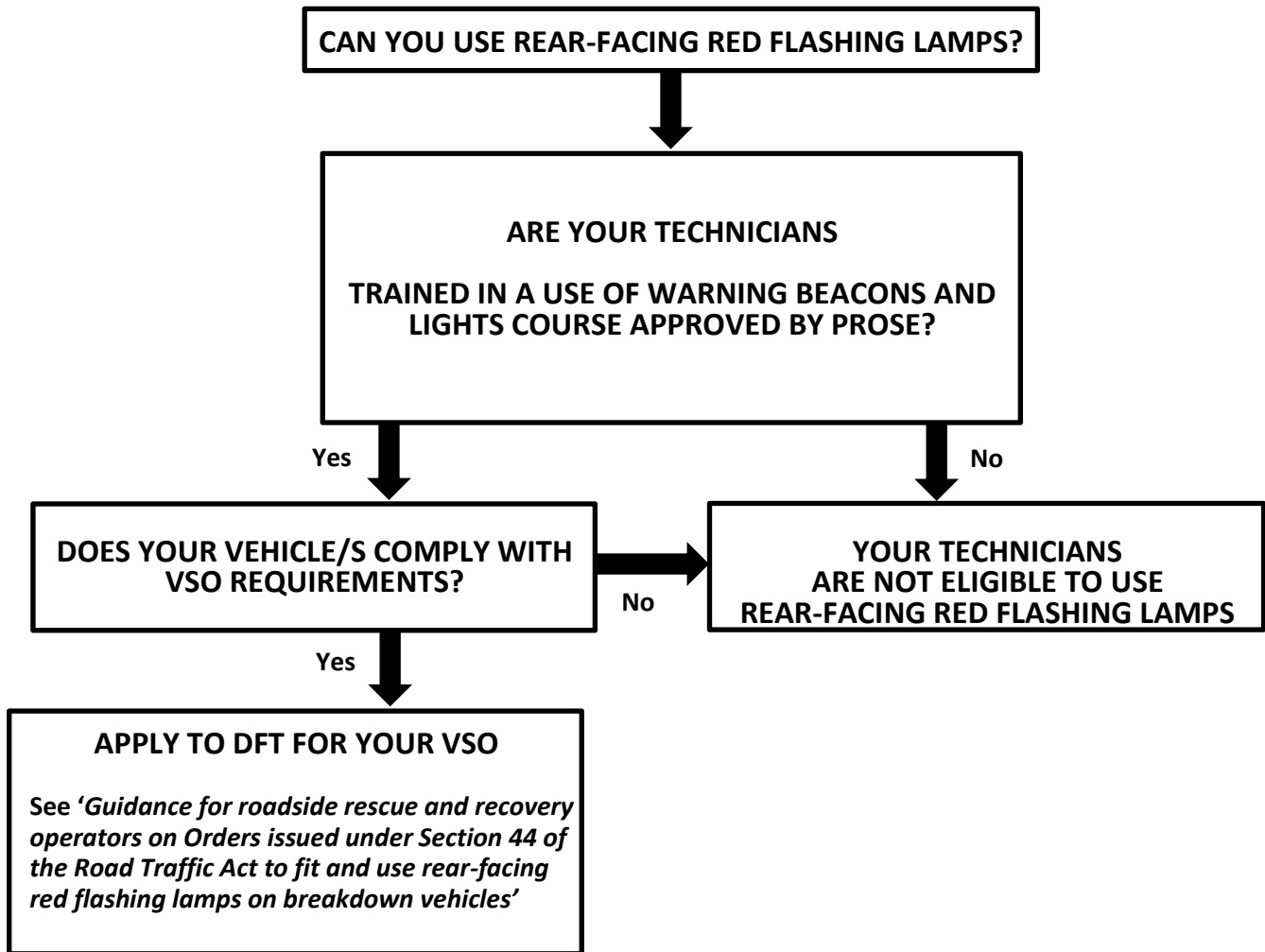


**Applying for Rear-Facing Red Flashing Lamps
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- Scope:** To help roadside rescue and recovery operators and roadside tyre industry operators decide if they are eligible to use rear-facing red flashing lamps.
- Reason:** To protect sectors that are permitted to use rear-facing red flashing lamps. To prevent misuse of rear-facing red flashing lamps which may result in restriction or loss of permitted use.
- Important:** Only those companies that hold a Vehicle Special Order (VSO) from the DfT can use rear-facing red flashing lamps.
All operators should additionally comply with the DfT document – ‘*Guidance for roadside rescue and recovery operators on Orders issued under Section 44 of the Road Traffic Act to fit and use rear-facing red flashing lamps on breakdown vehicles*’



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USEFUL LINKS

Professional Recovery Operators Safety Executive (PROSE) information and protocols

www.prose-uk.com

Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR) information and protocols

www.theivrgroup.com

Tyre industry information and protocols

www.ntda.com

Information for vehicle recovery operators on the strategic road network

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/advice-for-recovery-operators-on-our-motorway-network/>

Misuse of rear-facing red flashing lamps may result in restriction or loss of permission to use them.