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Driving instructor restrained

In the Supreme Court of South Australia yesterday, the Office of Consumer Business Affairs (OCBA) obtained an injunction against Mr Colin Michael Lock, of Ingle Farm, trading as "Colin Lock School of Motoring". OCBA sought the injunction to prevent Lock from misleading learner drivers by representing that he was able to conduct logbook driver training or driver testing.

The Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Mark Bodycoat said it was important to stop Lock misleading consumers into believing he could conduct logbook driver training or driver testing.

"This step was necessary to prevent learner drivers from being led to believe that Mr Lock could undertake logbook driver training or driver testing when in fact he can't."

In South Australia learner drivers can obtain their probationary drivers licence through a competency-based driver training system, commonly known as log book training. Only persons authorised by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles are able to conduct logbook driver training or driver testing.

On 1 February 2003 the Registrar of Motor Vehicles revoked Lock's authorisation to conduct logbook driver training or driver testing. Since that time OCBA had received several complaints. Lock failed to heed warnings from OCBA, and placed a further misleading advertisement in the 2006 Yellow Pages.

The Court made a range of orders including:

- Mr Lock to take all reasonably practicable steps to remove references to logbook driver training or driver testing from his advertisements.
- Mr Lock to advise all potential customers that he is unable to conduct the logbook driver training or driver testing prior to agreeing to provide any driver instruction services.
- Mr Lock to advise all current customers in writing that he is not authorised to conduct logbook driver training or driver testing.
- Mr Lock to reduce any agreements to provide driver instruction services to writing, including notice of the fact that he is not authorised to conduct logbook driver training or driver testing.

OCBA is currently undertaking prosecution action against Mr Lock pursuant to the *Fair Trading Act 1987,* and *Business Names Act 1996*.

Consumers can contact OCBA on 8204 9777 (131 882 for country callers) or visit www.ocba.sa.gov.au for information about a range of consumer issues.