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Chee Kei So v The Registrar of Approved Driving Instructors

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Neutral citation number: [2026] UKFTT 00711 (GRC) First-tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber) Transport Case Reference: FT/D/2025/1274 Decided without a hearing Decision given on: 18 May 2026 Before JUDGE HARRIS Between CHEE KEI SO and THE REGISTRAR OF APPROVED DRIVING INSTRUCTORS Appellant Respondent Decision: The appeal is struck out under Rule 8(3) because there is no reasonable prospect of it succeeding.

REASONS

1. The appeal concerns the Appellant's application for a third trainee licence.
2. The Tribunal informed the parties in an order dated 25 March 2026 that it was considering striking out the appeal under Rule 8(3)(c) of the Tribunal Procedure rules on the basis that there was no reasonable prospect of it succeeding.
3. Under Regulation 14(b) of the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) Regulations 2025 a trainee licence remains in force until the day immediately following the trainee's third unsuccessful attempt at the instructional ability test.
4. The Respondent informed the Tribunal by a form GRC5 dated 28 January 2026 that the Appellant failed their third attempt at the instructional ability test on 27 January 2026. Accordingly, the appeal must fail, because the Appellant is no longer eligible to hold a trainee licence. The Respondent applied for the appeal to be struck out. © CROWN COPYRIGHT 2026
5. The Tribunal directed the Appellant on 25 March 2026 to provide any submissions as to why the appeal should not be struck out by 10 April 2026. The directions stated that the appeal would be struck out if no representations opposing the strike out were received. The Appellant provided no submissions in response. 6. I therefore strike the appeal out under Rule 8(3)(c) because I am satisfied there is no reasonable prospect of it succeeding. Signed: Judge Harris Date: 14 May 2026 2

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