



B+E and C1+E Licence Information



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Step-by-step guide to driver training

Stage 1 - What licence do you need?

If you passed your car driving test on or after 1st January 1997, you can drive a car or van up to 3,500kg maximum authorised mass (MAM) towing a trailer of up to 750 kg MAM or tow a trailer over 750KG MAM as long as the combined MAM of the trailer and vehicle is no more than 3,500kg.

If you passed your car test before 1st January 1997, you can drive a vehicle and trailer with a combined weight up to 8,250kg MAM as well as a minibus with a trailer over 750kg MAM.

Stage 2 - B+E driver training

Driver training will be conducted on a 1:1 basis. Training will occur between either 8.00am - 12.00pm or 12.30pm - 4.30pm each day and the time of your driving test will be determined by the tests allocated to us by the DVSA. Your driver training will be delivered using new, modern vehicles that will prepare you for working in the transport industry and will cover the DVSA learning to drive syllabus. All three GTG Training Centres are also DVSA Testing Centres.

We offer 12-hour training blocks for B+E training.

Stage 3 - B+E practical test

You can book your car and trailer (B+E) driving test when you've got a full car driving licence. You do not need to pass another theory test. We will arrange your test to be taken at the end of your training.

Your test will take place at our training centre with a DVSA examiner. The test consists of five elements: satisfactorily reading a number plate with or without glasses/contact lenses from a distance of 20.5 meters, five show me/tell me questions on vehicle/trailer checks, a reversing exercise, an uncouple and recouple exercise, then a road drive element of at least 50 minutes.

Stage 4 - Getting your B+E license

Once you have successfully passed all elements of the test, the examiner will retain your licence and issue a pass certificate. Your new licence, including B+E entitlement, will then be issued by DVLA within three weeks.

For Category C1+E (up to 12,000kg MAM)

On completion of this course, and if you have passed the test, you will be licensed to drive a goods vehicle up to 7,500kg with a trailer up to 4,500kg (Combined train weight of 12,000kg). You will also gain the B+E (Car & Trailer) licence if you don't already have it. Holders of D1 (Minibus) entitlement will also get their D1+E. This is due to the C1+E test being greater or of equal size to the other entitlements.

Requirements:

- You must be 18 or over.
- Have a UK licence with the LGV C1 (7,500kg) or C (rigid/class 2) driving licence entitlement.
- You must bring your driving licence with you when going for your test.
- Your photo card licence must be in date, with a new photo every ten years and the medical still in date.
- If LGV theory tests were passed for your C1 or C test, they are valid forever, so there is no need to do them again, unless you have C1 'Grandfather Rights'.
- For drivers who passed their car driving test before the 1st January 1997, they will have C1E 'Grandfather Rights' on their licence with code 107. This limits drivers to a combined train weight of 8,250kg (To upgrade to the 12,000kg combined train weight, an LGV medical is needed and LGV theory tests must be passed before taking the C1E driving test).

If a candidate has gained a C or C1 licence from passing either test, then a medical examination, theory test and CPC case study are not needed. If a candidate has C1 entitlement from passing their car test before 1st January 1997 then these will be needed.

Stage 1 - Medical examination

A medical examination will be arranged with our doctor at a time suitable for you. If satisfied you are medically suitable to become a driver, the doctor will complete a D4 medical report form, then a member of staff will assist you in completing an application for your provisional licence. The medical and provisional application forms will be sent to the DVLA for processing and will take approximately three weeks to be returned to your home address. You'll be provided with login information for online theory test practice. This will give you access to study materials and mock examinations.

Stage 2 - Theory test

Please inform us as soon as your licence has been returned, as your theory test cannot be taken until your provisional licence is returned from the DVLA. We suggest that you use this time wisely to self-study. The theory tests can be taken at many theory test centres throughout the country. The multiple-choice test consists of 100 questions, the pass mark is 85 and the test lasts for 1 hour and 55 minutes. The hazard perception test consists of 19 clips and the pass mark is 67 out of 100 and will last for 45 minutes.

Stage 3 - Driver CPC case study test

If you do not have C1 entitlement already on your licence, gained through either sitting a test or gaining your car licence prior to 1997, you must gain the Driver CPC initial qualification which comprises two modules - Module 2 and Module 4. The Driver CPC Module 2 case study test can also be taken at many theory test centres throughout the country. Each test is made up of seven case studies, each one with six to eight questions, with a possible maximum score of 50 (of which the pass mark will be 38). The case study theory test must be completed prior to the initial CPC practical test.

Stage 4 - Driver training

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Stage 5 – Driver CPC practical test

The Driver CPC Module 4 (driver walkaround) is the second part of the Driver CPC, which you need to complete if you require the Driver CPC initial qualification. This test requires a demonstration of your knowledge and ability in the following areas:

- Ability to load the vehicle with due regard for safety rules and proper vehicle use.
- Security of the vehicle and contents.
- Ability to prevent criminality and trafficking of illegal immigrants.
- Ability to assess emergency situations. Ideally, this will be completed during your training course.

Stage 6 – Get your C1+E licence

If you pass all stages successfully, the examiner will offer to send your licence to the DVLA to have the full entitlement updated. Your initial Driver CPC Card will be issued after passing all four tests.

If you are unsuccessful in passing your driving test on this occasion, please contact your account manager to discuss the options available to you.

If you are planning to upgrade from the LGV Category C1 licence to the Category C1+E licence, only Stages 4 and 6 apply.

(Please note: The LGV Category C1 licence must be gained prior to the LGV Category C1+E licence.)

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