

Driver CPC

Driver Certificate of Professional Competence

(Ref: CRS698/377)

1 DAY COURSE – YEAR 1 - PERIODIC TRAINING

Driver CPC is being introduced across the European Union to maintain high driving standards and improve road safety. All professional bus, coach and lorry drivers must hold a Driver CPC if they want to drive for a living.

Course Content - Year 1

Introduction to Driver

EU Drivers Hours Regulations

Daily Walk Round Checks & Defect Reporting

Road Transport (Working Time) Regulations

EU Tachograph Regulations

Penalties for Infringements

Course Evaluation

Venue: Air-conditioned training room at Ransomes Europark, Ipswich

Felixstowe venue available on request

Dates: Daily from 10th September 09 including weekends (subject to availability)

Time: Registration 8.15 am for 8.30 am start – approximate finish 4.30pm

Cost: £90.00 + DSA fee* and VAT per person

** DSA fee currently £8.75 per driver per training session*

(Client rate and discounts available for group bookings of 10+)

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of Driver CPC?

It is designed to improve the knowledge and skills of lorry and bus drivers throughout their working life – helping:

- road safety (and thus all road users),
- the road freight and passenger transport industries (better staff performance, better recruitment and retention, more economical vehicle usage),
- professional drivers (skill levels and maintenance, career opportunities, professionalism,)
- the environment (reduced fuel consumption and vehicle wear).

What does the Driver CPC involve?

As well as a driving licence, lorry and bus & coach drivers who drive professionally will have to hold a Certificate of Professional Competence which is renewable every 5 years. There will be an initial qualification for new drivers, and periodic training for new and existing drivers. Driver CPC came into force on 10 September 2008 for PCV drivers and comes into force on 10 September 2009 for LGV drivers. These implementation dates apply to all EU member states.

Who will Driver CPC affect?

All professional drivers of lorries over 3.5 tonnes, buses, coaches and minibuses unless they qualify for an exemption.

Can I work as a driver without a Driver CPC?

No, unless in exempted circumstances.

Under CPC rules, can an 18 year old drive a full sized lorry?

Yes, under the new regulations a person of 18 can acquire a category C (followed by a Category C+E) licence as long as they also acquire the initial Driver CPC.

What is periodic training?

Training sessions giving continuing professional development for bus, coach and lorry drivers. The minimum length of a training course is 7 hours. Driver CPC requires you to complete a minimum of 35 hours of periodic training during every 5 year cycle.

What subjects will periodic training cover?

- Safe and fuel efficient driving
- Legal requirements
- Health and Safety, service and logistics

Do the regulations for Periodic Training have any impact on those drivers who need to renew their vocational licence every year because of age or health reasons?

No, these drivers will still need to renew their licence as any other driver would.

Does the Driver CPC Directive alter the medical requirements for LGV/PCV drivers or driving instructors?

No.

Will Driver CPC apply to foreign nationals?

Yes, Driver CPC applies across all EU Member States therefore all of those drivers will be required to qualify and hold a Driver CPC in exactly the same way as UK drivers. Course interrupters can be supplied, please ask us for further details.

What is DSA's involvement?

The Driving Standards Agency is leading, on behalf of the Department for Transport, the implementation of the project. As well as legislation, this involves establishing and implementing arrangements for training and testing for both the initial qualification and periodic training.

Is there a test to pass?

No, there is no requirement for the course to include a test or pass/fail element.

Do those driving vehicles under a category B (car) licence need CPC?

Anyone driving under a category B licence is out of scope of the Directive.

Can the title of this qualification be altered as it is being confused with the Operator's CPC?

The existing 'Transport Manager's CPC', also known as the 'Operator's CPC' is a separate qualification and anyone holding one who still drives professionally as part of their job will also need to hold a Drivers CPC.

What's included in the price?

Fully qualified trainer, registration, venue, refreshments, workbook, pen and course material.