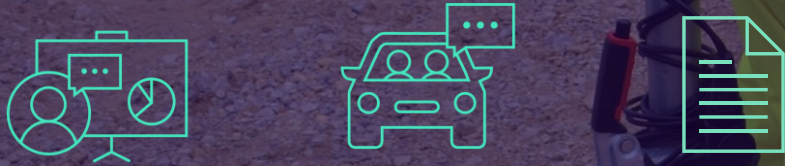


# Trailer Towing Vocational Driver Coaching and Workshop

Replacing the car/van trailer towing driving test with effective competency-based training.

- Duration: 7.5 hours
- Delegate numbers: 1 or 2 drivers
- Format available:

Workshop, practical exercises and on-road driving followed by competency assessment



Vehicle: Any Category 'B' vehicle towing a loaded trailer not exceeding 3.5t or the gross train weight

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# Overview

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This combination of workshop, practical coupling and uncoupling exercises followed by on-road driver training and reversing skills with a trailer is designed to replace recent UK government changes to the Category 'BE' driving test.

From 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Category 'B' licence holders no longer need to take a Category 'E' trailer towing test. However, drivers and businesses are encouraged to seek professional training to ensure they drive safely and within the law surrounding vehicle and trailer weights and restrictions applicable to this vehicle combination.



# At the end of the course, drivers will be able to:



Explain speed limits and lane restrictions when towing



Demonstrate accurate and controlled reversing and manoeuvring with a trailer



Demonstrate overall safe driving competence while pulling a trailer



Demonstrate how to undertake a dynamic risk assessment of the surrounding area prior to placement of a trailer



Demonstrate safe coupling and uncoupling routines



Demonstrate essential vehicle and trailer safety checks and importance of wearing the correct PPE



Identify maximum trailer weights & vehicle gross weight capacities for category B licence holders



Explain the importance of correct weight distribution for vehicle and trailer balance



Demonstrate both knowledge and competency through assessment

# Delivery method

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The course is facilitated by a professional and highly experienced trainer.

The training delivery includes some initial theory content followed by 'hands-on' practical exercises including coupling/uncoupling, manoeuvring and pulling the trailer on public roads.

All finished with a knowledge and competency based assessment to a defined criteria and the DVSA National Standard for Driving Cars and Towing.



# Who should attend?

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Any category B licence holder who has never pulled a trailer and who needs to tow a trailer for their work or recreation.

While there is no formal driving test for drivers from the autumn of 2021, drivers and employers are encouraged to ensure they are both confident and competent to tow a trailer and be compliant with the road traffic law and their health & safety policy.

Drivers will receive category BE on their licence automatically and they will see this addition when their photocard is renewed.

Some trailers e.g. water bowser jet washers or lighting towers may fall under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER).



# Coaching and workshop benefits

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## Reduce your drivers' risks

Coaching in trailer towing will bridge the gap in the government removing the need for a driving test, reduce driver risk, collision rates, fleet costs and develop safer confident drivers



## Meet your duty of care and Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER)

Our courses are designed to help you meet your duty of care obligations when using trailer mounted work equipment



## Improve your drivers' competence, knowledge and safety while using and towing a trailer

- Coupling and uncoupling
- Reversing and manoeuvring
- Safe and compliant driving

# Coaching and workshop content outline

## Introduction

Explain the course schedule and identify more detailed individual course requirements, including:

- The driver(s) experience with towing or using trailers
- Identify personal training requirements
- Link personal training requirements to the employers requirements and any specific driver policies
- Administration e.g. driving licence and eyesight checks

## Module one – theory workshop

The workshop will introduce the driver(s) to:

- Towing trailers and the law around driving licence categories and weight limits
- Driving theory refresher, why driving is a high risk activity
- Requirement for use of PPE
- Identification of trailer component parts
- Applicable speed limits and lane restrictions
- Load and weight distribution on trailer
- Introduction to coupling and uncoupling

## Module two – Hands on Coupling and uncoupling procedures

- Vehicle and trailer safety checks
- Safe coupling routine
- Safe uncoupling routine
- Placement of trailer: where, how and is it legal?
- Manual handling risks
- Reducing the risk of damage
- How to securely leave the trailer
- Best practice

## Module three – Reversing and manoeuvring

Where possible undertake DVSA manoeuvring test exercise to practice:

- Reversing and manoeuvring in secure yard area, where possible and/or out on road
- Safe observant reversing
- Practice accuracy & speed control and know when to stop

## Module four – on-road driver training

- Initial assessment and agree training objectives
- Bite-sized, driver-centred learning objectives with ongoing competency assessment
- Additional objectives to reach competency
- Recognition of ‘snaking’ and how to deal with it
- Recognition of speed limits for towing
- Recognition of applicable lane restrictions
- Define appropriate speed for vehicle combination
- Effective positioning when negotiating junctions

## Module five – competency and knowledge assessments

- Confirm driver competence against defined criteria
- Assess driver knowledge with 10 multiple choice questions
- Re-take competency and knowledge assessment where possible
- Advice for ongoing development/improvement
- Training report and competency form completion

# Logistics

Our delivery is facilitated in a classroom, in-vehicle and in a secure yard or compound. In order to facilitate the classroom element of this course we will require:

- A suitable room to comfortably seat all attending
- Flipchart and pens
- Suitable toilet facilities
- Access to refreshments

For in-vehicle on road training we will require:

- A suitable towing vehicle and trailer loaded with up to 600kg in weight e.g. normal company loads or 600kg ballast
- Drivers to be able to read a number plate from 20 metres in good day light with or without corrective vision
- Produce their driving licence or if they do not have it with them, agree to undertake a check with the DVLA
- All vehicle & trailer lights, warning instruments and breakaway cable to be in good working order
- All vehicle & trailer tyres have at least 1.6mm tread, correct air pressure and free from damage or deterioration from age
- All vehicle fluid levels at the appropriate levels e.g. oil & washer fluid
- Vehicle meets all Road Traffic Act requirements

For vocational vehicle training, we require:

- Access to a secure compound for coupling / uncoupling and manoeuvring exercises free from passing vehicular and pedestrian traffic





# To book

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