

Initial Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC)



INTRODUCTION

VENUE:	Any suitable UK location
NO. OF TRAINEES:	1
TRAINING DETAILS:	Initial driver CPC and licence acquisition
EVENT DURATION:	Flexible dependent upon individual

DETAIL

To drive HGVs and PCVs at a professional and commercial level, drivers must complete statutory training to be issued with a Driver Qualification Card (DQC).

The statutory training referred to is known as Driver CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence) and applies to most C1, C1E, C and CE (HGV drivers) and D1, D1E, D and DE (PCV drivers).

First introduced in September 2008 (PCV) and September 2009 (HGV), Driver CPC has 3 main objectives:

- Improve road safety
- Underpin and expand on current driver knowledge e.g. driver hours, digital tachographs, rules and regulations etc.
- Ensure new entrants have the required skills and knowledge to carry out their duties as professional drivers.

Driver CPC is an EU Directive (2003/59) and is also designed to harmonise training and professional driving standards across the European Union. Active drivers (acquired rights) will need to undertake 35 hours of driver CPC training every 5 years.

Initial Driver CPC Training

New drivers will complete their initial Driver CPC training as part of their category C1, C, D1 or D training.

There are four modules in the Driver CPC: two are the same as the tests you'll take for getting your DVSA licence (1 & 3).

To obtain a licence, trainees will need to pass all of the following modules;

- Module 1a and 1b – Theory test

Module 1a. Theory test consisting of 100 multiple choice questions. Must get at least 85 correct answers.

Module 1b. Hazard perception theory test. 20 hazard clips. Each clip consists of 2 to 3 hazards. Must get at least 67 (out of 100) points to be awarded a pass.

- Module 2 – Case study

50 multi choice questions based on 7 different scenarios. The scenarios are designed to reflect situations a professional PCV or LGV driver will encounter in his or her working life. Must get at least 40 answers correct to be awarded a pass.

- Module 3 – Practical test

Practical driving test. 1.5-hour practical driving test. This will include tell me show me questions, reversing exercise and approximately 1 hour driving on the public highway. The HGV driving test is by far the most challenging aspect of gaining LGV entitlement.

- Module 4 – Demonstration test

Practical associated knowledge exam. No driving is required for this part, but you will need a suitable vehicle to demonstrate your answers. It's all about what a driver does whilst not driving.

This may include checking the vehicle is not incorrectly loaded or overloaded, securing a load with the correct restraining devices, checking a vehicle is safe and in good working order before taking it on the public highway etc.

On completion of all 4 modules drivers will be issued with their initial DQC which is valid for 5 years. Within that 5 years and every 5 years thereafter drivers will then become subject to periodic Driver CPC training, i.e. 35 hours every 5 years.

TRAINING

The first thing you will need is a starter pack. This costs **£220.00** and includes:

- Provisional Application Forms D2 and medical forms D4 – you will need to book and pay for your own medical at a GP or employers doctor
- Multiple Choice Theory Test booking and fees – module 1a Hazard Perception Test and module 1b (can only be completed once provisional entitlement is gained, but can be booked on same day, you will receive results on the test day, when you've passed both parts, your theory test certificate will be posted to you. You need this when we book your Driver CPC part 3 driving test)
- Case Study Test booking and fee – module 2, we can book the part 2 case studies test of the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) as soon as you've got your provisional licence. You don't need to have passed the Driver CPC part 1 theory test.
- We will provide the revision material in hardcopy and on-line links for yourself to revise for the theory tests whilst awaiting provisional entitlement.
- Driving Assessment (3 hours) – This is where we come to you and get to see you drive in the vehicle and get a feel for it, but mainly it's so we can look at your ability and see how much training you will need to get to successful test pass standard, you will need to provide a suitably insured vehicle, and we will then make a recommendation to the number of days training required and timescale for test (module 3 & 4) bookings.

Attaining HGV entitlement to drive commercially (categories C1 or C) takes approximately eight to twelve weeks from start to finish, D1 or D generally less, but is all dependent upon test Centre availability and can often exceed this.

This should include everything: (medical, provisional licence acquisition, theory training and testing, and practical training and testing.)

A great deal of this time is spent waiting for provisional entitlement to be granted and theory test studying and test booking.

Rough time line for HGV / PCV and Driver CPC would be as follows:

1. book medical – (approx. 1 -2 weeks wait)
2. apply for provisional entitlement through DVLA (typically 2-3 weeks)
3. book and wait to sit theory tests (typically 2-3 weeks)
4. Book and wait to start practical training and testing (typically 4-6 weeks but can depend on availability)

The average amount of training needed is 3 - 9 days total training and tests

This may vary depending on ability. The training prices are below;

1 Day Practical Training at your location, in your vehicle - £320.00 – (7 Hours Training)

Test day practical training, booking and test fee - £435.00 (up to 7 hours including test duration)

You will then finally also need to complete your Initial CPC Module 4 Practical Demonstration Test.

This is a practical walk around type test. We offer 7 hours training (including test duration) and the test booking and fee itself for £375.00

INDICATIVE COSTS

Starter Pack including theory test fees £220.00
Practical training (assuming 3 days C or C1, plus 2 further practical days training below
- total 5 days, approx. 31 hours practical) £960.00
Test day practical training and test fee £435.00
CPC module 4 training and test fee £375.00

Total £1990.00

All costs are excluding VAT at standard rate.

Training vehicles can be supplied – costs vary regionally, please enquire.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Any driver who requires to drive HGVs and PCVs at a professional and commercial level, and need to hold a Driver Qualification Card (DQC).

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Once you have passed your category C1, C, D1, D you can then proceed to your +E practical training and test this can be quoted for separately.

This course is a 'turn key' solution for an employer, with all bookings and training being administered by Automotional.

Any re-tests will be charged at DVSA rate plus Automotional trainer time.

Full and detailed on-going status reports will be produced for the driver & Manager.