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Highway Code:

Night (the hours of darkness) is defined as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Roadcraft:

Night is anything less than full daylight.



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Core Units, all with set performance criteria:

- Essential attitudes / Stress management
- Prepare and drive vehicles
- Motorway / Multi-Lane Carriageways
- Driving in Darkness
- Environmental Awareness
- Undertake Emergency Responses Safely and Correctly.
- Stopping Vehicles
- Maintain vehicle stability

(Additional assessment records)

Unit: Prepare and Drive Police Vehicles:

- Vehicle preparation
- Information / system of car control
- Progress and restraint
- Vehicle control
- Positioning
- Cornering
- Driver's signals
- Overtaking
- Manoeuvring

each element has set performance criteria.

Optional Driving Units:

- Vans – category B
- Personnel Carriers / van –category D1+C1
- 4 x 4 vehicles - both on and off road.
- Automatic
- Vehicle Escort
- Trailer towing
- Pursuit Management



Performance Criteria – Driving in Darkness:

- Describe and / or demonstrate safe progress, being able to stop within the distance you can see to be clear
- Describe and / or demonstrate the appropriate use of the vehicle's lights.



Performance Criteria – Driving in Darkness:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the visual clues available in the dark as per ‘Roadcraft’
- Describe and / or demonstrate the appropriate action to avoid being dazzled by another vehicle’s lights.



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Where not practical to do so, evidence of competence in this unit may be gathered by questioning, testimony or product.



- Working Time Regulations
- Police Regulations.



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Thank you for your attention

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