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Vocational testing and training update

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Laden vehicles – training and testing

Starts 15 November 2013, applies to:

- B+E - car and trailer
- C1+E - medium sized goods vehicle and trailer
- C – Large lorry
- C+E - large lorry and trailer
- D1+E - minibus and trailer
- D+E - bus or coach and trailer



Requirements from November

Vehicle category	Vehicle or trailer affected	Minimum real weight	Minimum load requirement
C	Vehicle	10,000kg	5x1,000 litre IBCs
C+E 'drawbar' vehicle	Towing lorry and trailer	10,000kg for lorry and 5,000kg for trailer	5x1,000 litre IBCs (lorry) and 3x1,000 litre IBCs (trailer)
C+E articulated lorry	Semi-trailer	15,000kg	8x1,000 litre IBCs
B+E, C1+E, D1+E and D+E	Trailers	800kg	600kg of aggregates or 1 IBC of 1,000kg or 600kg capacity when filled with water



Laden vehicles – training and testing

- Loads for small trailers have been changed so a wider range of materials can be used.
- Find full load requirements on GOV.UK search 'laden testing'.
- Trainers can start training on them now.
- Driver CPC.



Auto transmission

- Consultation open until 26 August on European changes to driving licences and test requirements, including proposal to:
 - let people who take a lorry or bus test in an automatic vehicle get a manual licence for those vehicles, if they've already got a manual licence for any of the following (with or without trailers): cars (cat B), medium-sized vehicles (cat C1), large vehicles (cat C), minibuses (cat D1), buses (cat D)

To be introduced by 31 December 2013



Deadlines approaching for ‘acquired rights’ drivers:

- 10 Sept 2013 – bus and coach
- 10 Sept 2014 – lorry

European Commission currently running consultation on effectiveness of Driver CPC
– closes 25 October.



Driver CPC exemptions

- Following Consultation the following drivers are now exempt from Driver CPC:
 - those driving within 50 km of drivers base (no passengers/goods)
 - those driving to and from VOSA testing

However the majority of drivers still need it and over 643,400 of the estimated 500,000 to 750,000 are doing periodic training.



Further information

Everything on www.gov.uk search 'Driver CPC'.

Including:

- Guide to Driver CPC
- Course finder
- Online Driver Enquiry service
- Guide to exemptions

