

Thank you for your enquiry regarding 7.5ton / Small Truck / Heavy Van and Trailer C1+E Driver Training.

We have been providing professional driver training since 1971, located at Hessay, just outside York. We use modern vehicles that are easy to drive and safe to pull large trailers (which are now laden since law changes in 2013). By using the latest vehicles from Iveco (Daily 50C15) we are able to achieve an extremely high pass rate, helped also by our expert instructors who will be with you providing one-to-one instruction for the whole day - 09:00 to 16:00; this will give you the full time needed to adapt to the vehicle and enable you to pass your test.

What is this category of vehicle?

Technically speaking a Category C1+E vehicle is a goods vehicle (over 3500kg but less than 7500kg) towing trailer over 750kg, there is a weight limit of 12,000kg Gross Train Weight. In order to gain this licence you need to hold a Category C1 LGV driving entitlement.



What are the steps to gaining the Category C1+E driving licence?

Note: If you passed your car driving test before 1997 you will need to undergo a drivers medical and pass the LGV Theory Tests, drivers who have gained their C1 driving licence by passing an LGV Driving Test on either LGV C1 or C category do not need to complete any additional medicals or theory tests.

- Contact us to [book a driving assessment](#). One of our instructors will conduct an approximately 60 minute driving lesson including the reversing exercise as carried out on the driving test. You will be taken out onto the public roads, so that they can judge your driving ability and suggest the correct duration of training to be booked.
- Contact us to [book the driver training course](#); duration as recommended on the initial driving assessment. This will include the driving test.



Why should I choose Tockwith Training over other trainer providers?

The training of truck and trailer drivers is mostly unregulated, the only rules are based around how the test is conducted by the Driver Vehicle Standards Agency. Passing the driving test is quite simply the only requirement to enable someone to gain a trailer driving licence, there are no standardised courses or training modules to attend. The only way to pass the driving test conducted by a DVSA Driving Examiner is to drive to a high standard throughout after receiving high quality driver training from an experienced driving school with competent instructors delivering correct instructional techniques.

Our aim is a simple one, to provide the customer with the best possible driver training experience. This involves 'engaging' instructors, modern vehicles bought new from Volvo, Iveco, Toyota and our own excellent off road reversing area.

We are approved by the DVSA as a Customer Site – able to conduct driving tests from our Training Centre in York. Our Training hours are 09:00 – 16:00 with 1:1 tuition, you will not share your training course or have it shortened to a half day.

An Example of a Category C1+E two day course 15 hour course.

Timings are based on one example, actual durations may differ slightly.

Day one.

The day starts at 9:00am, greeting the customer to our site, some straightforward health and safety documents are signed and the instructor allocated to each customer will be introduced. Then it's out onto our training area to be shown around the vehicle, an Iveco Daily and iFor Williams Trailer. You will be shown around the outside including all driver maintenance points such as oil, coolant, screen wash levels, a look inside the load area to inspect the le-gally required ballast weight as set out by the DVSA. Then into the interior to have an explanation of the controls, switches and instruments including the seat/wheel adjustments, handbrake, lights, wipers etc.

Next, the driving instructor will introduce the reversing exercise and uncoupling/recoupling as carried out on the driving test, followed by pupil practice. Then it's time for the new driver to take control and begin the process of developing ability and adapting to the vehicle.

In the afternoon more driver training will be conducted, the driving instructor will at all times be assessing the performance of the customer offering advice and correct technique. The hill starts, moving off and independent drive will be introduced and normally at this point require some correction to bring up to test standard. At 4pm after a debrief close of day.

Day two.

Arrival at our centre at 9:00am for the final day. Firstly more reversing and trailer coupling practice and 'show me, tell me' questions are practised then out on the road for the last morning of driving practice with the instructor giving guidance and assurance. Then a break for a lunch, before a short amount of driving practice and the driving test in the afternoon conducted by the DVSA Driving Examiner. Hopefully along with the vast majority of our customers, everything went well and the result will be a pass and within 21 days the DVLA will have issued you with a Category C1+E Driving Licence - now ready for towing a trailer.

Testimonials

Pam Edwards

Just a little note to say thank you to everyone involved in helping me pass my trailer test! All the instructors were fantastic and everyone so friendly and helpful. I enjoyed every minute and met some great people. I'm looking forward to going on my travels with horse and trailer and will recommend you to whoever I can in the future!

John G Bradley FRCS

A note to thank you and your staff for the excellent training course you gave me last week that enabled me to pass my driving test. Please pass on my especial thanks to my instructor, who did an excellent job taking me from complete novice to skill level to satisfy my examiner. It has been a real pleasure to spend a week in the company of the members of your organisation.

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