

SDS Training Courses

All courses are adaptable with prior arrangement

LGV Rigid (C) course

Our rigid course runs on consecutive weekdays from 7.00am to 1.00pm with the driving test usually taken on the afternoon of the last day.

Courses range from 4 – 6 days.

We usually train for 6 hours per day on the rigid courses.

(Test day usually 7 hours)

Training is conducted in accordance with the official DSA syllabus as published in the 'Driving Goods vehicles' manual. The test is conducted by a DSA examiner. You will pass the test at the first attempt if the examiner sees that you can:

Drive safely to a high standard

Show expert handling of the controls

Carry out the set exercises accurately and under control

Demonstrate through your driving that you have a thorough knowledge of the Highway Code and other matters concerning vehicle safety.

REMEMBER your driving should be as such that the examiner has a SMOOTH, SAFE & COMFORTABLE drive. No examiner will pass anyone who makes them feel in any danger, drives in an erratic manner or shows general disregard for the vehicle you're driving, other road users or pedestrians.

LGV Artic (C+E) course

Our articulated truck training course runs on consecutive weekdays from 7.00am to 2.00pm with the driving test usually taken on the afternoon of the last day.

Courses range from 3 – 5 days.

We normally train for 7 hours per day with the articulated courses. This is to allow extra time for uncoupling/re-coupling and reversing with a trailer.

Candidates wishing to take the articulated (C+E) course must hold a full rigid (C) licence. The training schedule and syllabus closely follow that described in the rigid course above. Driving vehicles of this size requires a particularly high level of skill and a lot of emphasis is placed on forward planning and defensive driving techniques.

In addition to the items tested on the rigid course you will have to demonstrate your ability to couple and uncouple a trailer.

7.5 ton (C1) course

We only do 7.5 ton if you have your own vehicle. Our 7.5 ton course runs on consecutive weekdays from 7.00am to 1.00pm with the driving test usually taken on the afternoon of the last day.

Courses range from 3 – 6 days.

We usually train for 6-8 hours per day on the 7.5 ton courses.

(Test day usually 7 hours)

Car and trailer (BE) Course

Our BE course runs on consecutive weekdays from 7.00am to 1.00pm with the driving test usually taken on the afternoon of the last day.

Courses range from 2 – 4 days.

We usually train for 6 hours per day.

(Test day usually 7 hours)

Tractor (F) course

We will visit your premises for this course. Tuition is normally 1-2 days. The test will still be carried out by a DSA examiner who will also visit your premises to conduct your test.

SDS current vehicles

Category C: Volvo FM7 rigid with a 4 over 4 range change gear box.

Category C+E: DAF XF 480 Superspace tractor unit and box trailer which has a 4 over 4 range change & splitter gear box.

Category C1: Customer to supply vehicle.

We do suggest anyone wishing to take a C1 test to take the Category C test. As the price is about the same as the Cat C and you will still receive your C1 licence but also gain your Category C which will improve your chances of further employment opportunities.

Category BE – We use a Skoda Octavia, with a six speed box connected with a curtain sided trailer. You can also use your own vehicle to pull a trailer; we do have a trailer available to hire should you wish.

Category F – Tractor training is done at your premises with your vehicle.