

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CATEGORY B+E DRIVER TRAINING COURSES

The Licence

1. Category **B+E** is a vehicle with a maximum authorised mass not exceeding **3,500kg**, towing a large trailer with a maximum authorised mass which exceeds **750kg**.
2. Drivers who passed their category **B** test (car) after **1st January 1997** cannot drive a vehicle with a maximum authorised mass which exceeds **3,500kg**, and cannot tow a trailer with a maximum authorised mass exceeding **750kg**. In order to tow a larger trailer they must pass the category **B+E** driving test.

The Category B+E Driving Test

1. The category **B+E** driving test is similar to the **LGV** test and is conducted at **LGV** testing centres.
2. The vehicle used for the test must conform to the following minimum requirements:
 - a. A vehicle within category B with a maximum authorised mass not exceeding 3,500kg.
 - b. A trailer with a maximum authorised mass of more than 1,000kg at least as high and as wide as the towing vehicle. (Please see attached DSA information)
 - c. Both the towing vehicle and trailer must be fully roadworthy in all respects and include:
 - i. A warning light or buzzer fitted to the towing vehicle, which would show an indicator failure on the trailer.
 - ii. Overrun brakes fitted to the trailer.
 - iii. A snatch cable must be fitted to the trailer brakes, which can be attached to the towing vehicle in order to apply the trailer brakes in the event of the trailer breaking away from the towing vehicle.
 - iv. Both the towing vehicle and the trailer must be unladen.
 - v. The weight of the trailer must not exceed the maximum towing weights advised by the vehicle manufacture. (Check the vehicle handbook).
 - vi. The vehicle must have a suitable seat for the examiner.
 - vii. The vehicle must have wing or door mirrors fitted on both sides and extra exterior mirrors fitted both near and offside for use by the Driving Instructor / Examiner.

Costs

1. If trainee can be accompanied to our depot £25 per hour + VAT
2. If instructor comes to trainee's address £35 per hour + VAT
+ travel cost
3. Driving Standards Agency Test Fee Weekdays £105
Saturdays £125
4. Driving Assessments can be arranged to determine the length of training required
5. A deposit of £250 will be required to secure a training course