

RED ROSE TRAINING

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Getting the Ball Rolling

Here's a brief guide to the basic steps needed to gain your Driving Licence.

There are a few hurdles to clear before we can get to the Driving Test stage or arrive at a price for a Training Course – we hope the following few paragraphs will go some way to explain the principals involved.

Firstly, from an estimate of cost point of view, we like to see the candidate behind the wheel for an hour or so to get an idea of an individual's ability. It's also a good chance for you to have a look at our operation and ask any questions about rules, regulations or just training in general.

It would be very easy to offer a Course of 20 hours for example, but that's not too good for candidates who require say 16 or 24 hours. That's why we prefer to give an idea of cost based on a fair assessment. Offering Block Courses without an assessment makes life simple for Training Providers, but that's too much of a risk for the candidate and only works if the exact number of hours required coincide with the amount of the pre-booked Course. We can't stress enough the value of having driving ability assessed before embarking on a program of lessons and would strongly advise against using a Driving School who only offered this option. It's a bit like buying a very expensive suit without being measured for it or being allowed to try it on and anyone prepared to sell a product like this should be viewed with extreme caution.

When we've an idea of how many hours will be required we can look at how the Course could be built. Courses can be split a number of ways, either a block booking with the test towards the end of the week, or alternatively Training over a number of weekends. Sixteen hours, for example, can be split over four Saturdays with a Test the following week, or indeed eight lessons of two hours on Saturdays and Sundays, whichever is best for individual circumstances.

Before undertaking any LGV or PCV Driver Training, you must first obtain provisional driving licence entitlement in your chosen category. Prior to this entitlement being granted, candidates will need to undergo a straightforward Medical Examination. This isn't a complicated procedure, and we can complete all the paperwork here at our Head Office. Simply call to arrange a convenient time and we will reserve an appointment with our GP who will see you after we have done all the necessary form-filling for you. It couldn't be easier.

When the licence arrives you can pop down and have your assessment. These are usually arranged on a Saturday, but can be anytime subject to availability.

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Drivers who already hold a Category C – Rigid – licence or who have already obtained their provisional licence have no need for a further medical so we can assess and advise you of the course cost after the assessment drive. Just call us to arrange a convenient time. There is a £20 charge for this assessment, sorry!

For a little more depth we'd recommend that you followed this link for a full explanation of how to go about saving some time and choosing the right Training School for you.

<http://www.redrosetraining.co.uk/advice-choosing-a-training-school-driver-training-tips/>

Alternatively, call or visit between 09.00 and 17.00, Monday to Friday.

Further detailed information concerning Licensing regulations, Driver CPC and all other requirements can be found here:

www.gov.uk/adding-higher-categories-to-your-driving-licence

Please be aware the above information relates only to the driving element of the Training Course. New drivers must also undertake a Theory and Hazard Perception Test before they can take their Driving Examination and that to drive professionally thereafter both a Part Two and Part Four test must be passed, this comprises a case Study Test at a Local Centre and finally a half hour walk-round Practical Test – this can usually be arranged at our Head Office here in Radcliffe.