

Frequently asked questions

What is the purpose of Driver CPC?

To improve the knowledge and skills of lorry and bus drivers – helping road safety (and thus all road users); the road freight and passenger transport industries (better staff performance, better recruitment and retention, more economical vehicle usage); professional drivers (skill levels and maintenance, career opportunities, professionalism); the environment (reduced fuel consumption and vehicle wear).

Can I work as a professional driver without a Driver CPC?

No, unless in exempted circumstances.

Do the regulations for Periodic Training have any impact on those drivers who need to renew their vocational licence every year because of age or health reasons?

No, these drivers will still need to renew their licence as any other driver would.

Will Driver CPC apply to foreign nationals?

Yes, Driver CPC applies across all EU Member States therefore all professional EU drivers are also required to qualify and hold a Driver CPC.

Are drivers of buses operated under S19 and S22 permits in scope?

Section 19 and 22 permits are designed to enable charitable groups etc to operate minibuses and larger buses outside the current regulations. As they are operating under these permits the vehicle is not deemed to be a PCV vehicle and therefore the driver does not require a D/D1 licence to drive the vehicle. Consequently, they are exempt from the Driver CPC.



Bluebird Training is a trading arm of Adapt (North East), a social enterprise working with and for communities.

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PERIODIC TRAINING

For drivers of buses, coaches and lorries

Deadline looming for mandatory professional driver accreditation

All qualified LGV and PCV drivers must complete 35 hours of Periodic Training to continue driving professionally in the UK and within the EU.

Driver CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence) was introduced across the European Union to maintain high driving standards and improve road safety. All professional bus, coach and lorry drivers must now hold a Driver CPC if they want to drive for a living as a requirement of the EU Directive 2003/59.

This includes anyone who drives buses, coaches and minibuses with nine or more passenger seats, and lorries weighing over 3.5 tonnes, professionally.

How the rules affect existing drivers

PCV drivers who held a vocational licence prior to September 10th 2008 have 'acquired rights' but must obtain their Driver CPC by September 9th 2013.

LGV drivers who held a vocational licence prior to September 10th 2009 have 'acquired rights' but must obtain their Driver CPC by September 9th 2014.

How the rules affect new drivers

Drivers who acquire a PCV vocational entitlement (D1, D1+E, D, D+E licence) after September 10th 2008 and/or an LGV vocational entitlement (C1, C1+E, C or C+E licence) after the September 10th 2009 will have to obtain the **Initial Qualification** in addition to their licence to drive professionally.

Thereafter they also have to undertake 35 hours of **Periodic Training** every five years.

All training must be carried out by a JAUPT (Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training) approved trainer.

Exemptions

There are a number of Driver CPC exemptions, but the onus is on the driver and employer to ensure they are covered by them:

- Vehicles with a maximum speed not exceeding 45kph
- Vehicles used by or under control of the armed forces, civil defence, the fire service and forces responsible for maintaining public order
- Vehicles undergoing road tests for technical development, repair or maintenance purposes, or of new or rebuilt vehicles which have not yet been put into service
- Vehicles used in states of emergency or assigned to rescue missions
- Vehicles used in the course of driving lessons for any person wishing to obtain a driving licence or Driver CPC
- Vehicles used for non-commercial carriage of passenger or goods – for personal use
- Vehicles used for carrying material or equipment to be used by the driver in the course of his or her work, providing that driving the vehicle is not the drivers' principal activity.

Our CPC training services

Periodic training

Periodic training is designed to complement the individual driver's work and be relevant to their everyday job.

Bluebird Training is a Northumberland-based JAUPT (Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training) approved CPC trainer.

We offer Periodic Training services to the public and private sector and can offer joint training sessions to up to 20 drivers. Dependent on your facilities, we can deliver the training at your premises/depot.

Our training presentations include the following subjects:

- Licence checks
- Driver duties and responsibilities
- Drivers' hours - rules and regulations
- Digital tachographs
- Working Time Directive
- Driver health and welfare, (drugs, alcohol, stress, fatigue) etc
- Road safety, checks, accidents, fuel efficiency, environmental issues
- Loading/unloading
- Safety in the workplace (accidents, COSHH, manual handling, RIDDOR etc)
- Emergency situations, procedures
- First Aid
- Customer care.

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