



**DRIVER UK**

## Introduction to Driver CPC

The Driver CPC scheme was launched in September 2008 for PSV Drivers and then September 2009 for Drivers of vehicles 3.5 tonne or above.

The Driver CPC is for LGV and PCV drivers who drive professionally. It has been developed as a requirement of the EU Directive 2003/59, which is designed to improve the knowledge and skills of professional LGV and PCV drivers throughout their working life.

## **There are two parts to the legislation:**

### **Initial qualification**

This must be obtained by all new LGV & PCV drivers along with their vocational licence to enable them to use their licence professionally.

### **Periodic Training**

35 hours of training every 5 years must be attended by all professional drivers.

The course consists of 5 Modules split into 2 sections per module, this training can be split into separate courses such as one day a year for example, or as a one block of 35 Hours in a week.

#### **Module 1**

Drivers hours and analogue / digital tachograph

#### **Module 2**

Vehicle and load handling systems, safe vehicle loading

#### **Module 3**

Principles and techniques of safe, defensive and economic driving

#### **Module 4**

Health and Safety in transport, personal wellbeing, transport health and safety

#### **Module 5**

Company procedures and customer care, secure transport operations

These modules can be mixed and matched to create the specific requirements for your company, for example you could pair one unit from Module 1 with one unit from Module 5 to create your desired requirement. There are a possible 45 combinations for you to choose from to enable you meet your criteria so as to increase your company image and productivity.

The course content is varied and relevant to everyday driving tasks however it can be considered and directed to cover individual business requirements, providing it is linked to the core syllabus contained in the European Directive. For Example, some drivers may need to cover topics on handling potentially dangerous products whereas others may not.

# The Law

## Existing Drivers

As of September 2009 anyone who drives a 3.5 Tonne or above Van or Lorry to deliver goods for their business is legally required to complete 35 Hours Periodic CPC Training every 5 Years. Drivers who do not complete the Periodic Training will lose their entitlement to operate vehicles of this category.

## New Drivers

Drivers who pass their test after 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 will have to complete half day training as part of the LGV Driving Test in order to gain the Driver CPC qualification.

## Enforcement

The Police and VOSA will now be asking drivers for their CPC certification (Drivers Qualification Card) in the same way that they would a driver's licence. If a driver does not have this and they obtained their licence after the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009, it will be considered an offence with a maximum fine of £1000. It is the driver's responsibility to maintain this and the employers responsibility to ensure that they are compliant.

Existing driver's (holding a GB photo card licence) will automatically be issued with the card on completion of the 35<sup>th</sup> Hour of periodic training. Existing drivers have 'acquired rights' which means that their driving licence will be accepted as proof of their Driver CPC status until they have completed their 35 hours training within the first 5 Year cycle (before 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014) at which point, they will be issued with a Drivers Qualification Card.

## Benefits of the Driver CPC

The introduction of the Driver CPC scheme may be seen by many as an extra expense, however it is now a legal requirement but does bring a host of benefits which include:

- Compliance with EU Driver Directive
- Compliance with 'The Corporate Manslaughter Act'
- Fuel and Maintenance Cost Reductions
- Stabilised Insurance Costs
- Reduction of Accidents and Damaged Goods
- Professional Image for Drivers
- Improved Public Image for Company

## Questions & Answers

### Who is affected by the Driver CPC?

Usually anyone who drives a bus or coach to carry passengers.  
Goods vehicle drivers of 3500kgs and above to do their job.

### Where can training sessions take place?

Training takes place at a suitable training venue by an accredited training provider.  
Voss can arrange at one of its training venues or clients premises.  
(Subject to conditions).

### What is the point of Driver CPC Training?

Training is designed to heighten a drivers knowledge and skills thereby improving safety, productivity and efficiency. It also promotes driving as a career and helping to produce professional drivers as well as helping to reduce Fuel and Maintenance costs and improved Public Image.

### What if a driver completes their 35 Hours or Periodic Training early?

The driver will be sent their Driver Qualification Card (DQC) when the 35 Hours of training have been completed, initially the card will show an expiry date September 2014 for LGV drivers. Thereafter 35 hours of training would need to be completed between 2014 and 2019 and so on.

### Will Driver CPC apply to Foreign Nationals?

Yes, Driver CPC will apply across the EU, meaning that all those drivers will also be required to qualify and hold a Driver CPC just as UK drivers will.

### What costs are involved for Driver CPC Training?

Training costs are based per person.

### Discounts are available:

There are 2 ways to qualify for discounted training, either:

The **DRIVER UK** discount scheme, designed to cut costs for Diver UK registered drivers.

Group discounts, available to companies with larger needs.

Quote “**Driver UK**” or “**Group**” when booking.

### How can I book Driver CPC Training?

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Email: [sales@vosstraining.co.uk](mailto:sales@vosstraining.co.uk)

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