

Basic Trailer Handling

Who is the Course For?	<p>Those wishing to update their skills in trailer handling and/or satisfy H & S legislation regarding the Safe Use of Trailers at work. Anyone required to take the trailer test for towing on the road. Anyone needing to tow trailers off-road as part of their work. Pre-requisites: A full driving license (not provisional) with B entitlement.</p>
Duration/Format	One to three days
Instructor/Trainee Ratio	1:2 maximum for day
Course Objectives	<p>To enable course members to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the legal requirements for towing trailers on/off the road either at work or privately • Carry out equipment safety checks • Understand how the type and weight of a trailer affects on and/or off road performance and safety • Understand the relationship between vehicle and trailer weights and limits and how they are affected by use on and/or off road • Appreciate the main causes of accidents and what can be done to avoid them • Couple/un-couple a trailer safely and in line with the recommended DSA test method • Understand the requirements of driving the vehicle and trailer combination on and/or off road • Demonstrate competence in dealing with a variety of on and/or off road situations commonly encountered • Drive with a trailer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> through a restricted entrance round 90° turns across the DSA test layout stop the unit safely within a given distance
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction/domestics • Legal requirement for towing on or off road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road Traffic Act - HSWA and PUWER'98 - Licensing requirements • Weight limitations • Types of trailer and hitch • Common causes of accidents • Coupling / uncoupling procedures • Different loads/stability/ security • Towing vehicle/trailer combinations and set-up • Vehicle checks and basic maintenance

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**Facilities/Equipment
required:**

Outcomes:

- Loading and nose weight criteria/measurement
- Basic trailer handling
 - Demo drive
 - Reversing including restricted areas
 - Turning through entrances
 - Emergency stop/braking exercise
- Assessment of individual trainee performance and feedback.
- Re-cap
- On-road practical trailer handling

For towing vehicles registered October 2003 onwards, for the test the trailer must be a box type or livestock trailer i.e. it requires full use of external mirrors

The basic course includes operator assessment and certificates will be awarded to those reaching the required standard.

For those wishing to take the B&E test, the course is of 2 to 3 days duration with the test arranged for the final day. We can arrange for trainees to be accompanied to the test centre.