

Waltham Forest Community Driving School



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Our Driver Training School aims to improve the driving and passenger experience of people using minibuses in the course of their work and social activities. Our courses cover a range of skills to create good quality driving practice, improve passenger journeys with added courses on emergency procedures and safe handling.

Who can attend?

The Waltham Forest Community Driving School is open to everyone living or working in Waltham Forest and surrounds interested in improving their skills in minibus travel and passenger services.

Where are courses held?

Courses are held at venues in Waltham Forest. In addition to scheduled course dates, we also offer onsite training at a date and time suitable to your needs.

Courses on offer:

- Step by Step D1 entitlement (theory and practical driving)
- Standard & accessible MiDAS (theory and practical assessment)
- Manual Handling
- Passenger Assistant Training Scheme (PATS)
- Fire Evacuation
- Emergency Aid

Vehicles:

Community Transport will make available vehicles for training purposes on those courses which require a minibus. Organisations can also provide their own vehicles if preferred.

Course Details

D1 - Licence Entitlement

If you first passed your car driving test **before** 1st January 1997, you will automatically have entitlement to drive a minibus on a not-for-profit basis.

If you first passed your car driving test **after** 1st January 1997, you can only drive a minibus under certain **restricted situations**:

- At least 21 years old
- Held full licence for minimum of 2 years
- Not tow a trailer
- Drive on a voluntary basis only
- Maximum vehicle weight of 3.5 tonnes (4.25 tonnes if fitted with passenger lift or ramp)

If you wish to drive a minibus for profit or wish to use one in an activity that is incidental to making a profit or first passed your driving test after 1st January 1997 and do not meet all the terms of the exemption, you must obtain full D1 licence entitlement from Driving Standards Agency (DSA), which will be entered onto your driving licence.

What does getting a D1 entitlement entail:

Step 1: Acquire provisional licence

Step 2: Undertake a medical examination

Step 3: Pass the D1 theory test

Step 4: Pass the practical test (you will also need to answer some questions on basic vehicle maintenance)

Course Content:

Our course is designed to take trainees through a step by step process to help them achieve a D1 entitlement.

If choosing the full package we will:

- Provide support in completing and submitting the provisional licence application (D4)
- Organise the medical examination
- Provide classroom based support in preparation for the theory and hazard perception test focusing on understanding the DSA manual
- Accompany candidates to the theory test
- Provide a free driving assessment
- Provide up to 35 hours practical driving experience (vehicle provided)
- Accompany candidates to the practical test
- Provide MiDAS certification (one day course)

Costs:

Steps 1-4: £490 plus practical driving @ £26 per hour

Step 4: £230 plus practical driving @ £26 per hour

Practical driving: £26 per hour

Recommended minimum practical driving hours: 10 hours

Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS)

This is a nationally recognised standard for the training and development of minibus drivers, certificated and valid for four years.

Standard MiDAS (Half Day) + 2 hour practical driving assessment

Course content:

- The legal, practical and safety requirements of minibus driving
- Passenger safety (adult & child)
- Breakdown, accident and emergency procedures
- Personal safety procedures for drivers
- Theory assessment test
- 2 hour practical driving assessment

Cost: £65

Accessible MiDAS (one day) + 2 hour driving assessment

As above plus:

- Disability awareness
- Wheelchair and passenger restraint equipment training
- Use of tail lift and/or ramp equipment and safety advice

Cost: £75

Passenger Assistant Training Scheme (PATS) (One day)

PATS has been developed out of MiDAS, to improve safety standards for people who need assistance, care and supervision when travelling. The course is accredited by CTA uk and certificated for four years.

The course is available to to any organisation that employs, uses or supplies passenger assistants (paid employees or volunteers).

PATS is a modular training programme, that means the training is delivered in separate sections called modules.

Module A: The role of the passenger assistant. A foundation module that will help passenger assistants understand the role and responsibilities of a passenger assistant.

Module B: Assisting passengers with disabilities. This module helps passenger assistants who work with passengers who have disabilities, learning difficulties or behaviour difficulties.

Module C1: This module helps passenger assistants who supervise children or young people with special needs.

Module C2: Working with adults who require care & supervision. Passenger assistants who work with adults who need care and supervision.

Cost: £65

Minibus Emergency Evacuation Procedures (half day)

A half day course for drivers and passenger assistants of minibuses, coaches and buses which will equip them with both the theoretical knowledge and the practical know-how on how to safely evacuate a passenger carrying vehicle in the event of a fire.

At the end of the course participants are given a Certificate of Attendance and course notes.

Course content:

- Basic principles of fire
- Hazards associated with fire
- Types of vehicle fire
- Reducing the risks
- Principles of evacuation
- Practical exercises

Cost: £45

Manual Handling

A half day course for drivers and passenger assistants of minibuses, coaches and buses. The aim is to provide and update participants with the latest legislation regarding Manual Handling, and to promote a safer handling environment within their roles as drivers or passenger assistants. The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 require all employers to carry out training for staff who lift or move loads, our Manual Handling course will help your organisation comply with this legislation. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Course content:

- Manual handling legislation
- Employer / Employee responsibilities
- Spinal awareness / postures
- Risk assessment
- RIDDOR
- Safe working loads
- Handling techniques

Cost £45

How to book:

Online: www.communitytransportwf.co.uk

Telephone: 020 8521 0665

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In person: Low Hall Business Park, 30 South Access
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Mon – Fri 9am -5pm

