



RED012

Trailer Towing Training

Background

The Government has announced that car drivers from Autumn 2021 will no longer require a test to tow a trailer, which means If you passed your car driving test from 1 January 1997, you'll now be allowed to tow trailers up to **3,500kg MAM** when the law changes.

In the same document announcing the abolishment of the BE test, deemed necessary to accommodate more HGV tests the Government advised *'It's best to take training from a driving instructor if you want to start driving a car and trailer.'*

Training

RED Training was and is of firm belief that training to tow a trailer should be completed and assessed to a competent level before a responsible employer lets its employee complete this task.

The RED PTT consists of 1-, 2- or 3-day courses offered Nationwide, the courses are a mix of theory and practical training with an assessment at the end of each course.

Training Options

RED12BAS One-Day Course · Basic

*This course is only suitable for drivers who tow infrequently, only tow **one** type of trailer that doesn't require advanced manoeuvres or loading and load security*

- Introductions
- Vehicle checks
- Driving (forwards)
- Final driving assessment 40 mins
- Video presentation
- Practical couple & uncouple
- Straight reverse
- Wrap up

RED12INT Two-Day Course · Intermediate

*This course is suitable for drivers who tow more regularly, only tow **one** type of trailer that may require advanced manoeuvres but **no** loading and load security*

- Introductions & recap
- Practical couple & uncouple recap
- Intermediate driving on mixed routes
- Final driving & advanced manoeuvres 60 mins
- Full presentation
- Vehicle checks
- Intermediate reversing (as per DVSA previous requirement)
- Wrap up

RED12ADV Three-Day Course · Advanced

*This course is suitable for drivers who tow more regularly, may be required to tow more than one trailer type that may require advanced manoeuvres, and conducts **loading and load security***

- Introductions & recap
- Practical loading/unloading – Load safety & security
- Vehicle checking
- Reverse (to the right) corner reverse cones on site
- Wrap up
- Loading video and discussion
- Practical couple & uncouple. Multiple coupling types.
- Advanced driving on complex routes
- Final driving, advanced manoeuvres & Loading assessment 80 mins

If the trainee does not meet the minimum standard where they can perform the towing function safely for themselves, those they share the road with and the business, a further training session and re-assessment will be recommended.

Who Is It For?

- ✓ Standardised training throughout the fleet, Trailer towing training should be applicable to **ALL** employees who tow trailers, irrespective of law changes and previous acquired rights
- ✓ Reduce the risk of having an incident – Trained drivers have been proven less likely to be involved in a road traffic incident
- ✓ Improved Fuel Consumption – Advanced driving techniques teach you the most cost-effective way to drive, to keep fuel consumption to a minimum
- ✓ Less wear and tear to your vehicle – By using the 'system of car / van control' techniques, you're driving will be smoother, resulting in less wear and tear
- ✓ Corporate perspective – Advanced drivers will be more courteous and thoughtful with other road users, particularly important in liveried large vehicles and trailers.

Achievements Upon Successful Completion

RED12BAS One-Day Course · Basic

- Being able to perform a vehicle and trailer safety check very comprehensively with commentary on one trailer type
- Being able to perform coupling and uncoupling safely and competently on one trailer type
- Able to perform professionally and competently basic trailer Parking & Manoeuvring exercises (straight reverse) with precision and commentary
- Being classed and competent as a PTT driver, covering basic driving on localised roads
- Understand and appreciate 'Sharing the Road' with other road users including cyclists, pedestrians and how to perform professionally in this environment

RED12INT Two-Day Course · Intermediate

- As above, plus:
- Able to perform professionally and competently advanced trailer Parking & Manoeuvring exercises with precision and commentary
- Intermediate reversing (as per DVSA previous requirement)
- Being classed and competent as a PTT driver, covering all areas from Urban through to multi lane roads

RED12ADV Three-Day Course · Advanced

- As above, plus:
- Being able to perform coupling and uncoupling safely and competently on **multiple** trailer types
- Being able to perform a vehicle and trailer safety check very comprehensively with commentary on **multiple** trailer & vehicle types
- Knowledge and deep understanding of safe loading and load security practices with a trailer

Outcome



A full and detailed report will be produced post training / assessment for the driver and manager.