

# Car and Trailer Driver Training & Test (Category B+E)

## Who is the course for?

If you need to tow a trailer, it is now a legal requirement to have B+E entitlement on your driving licence.

Rules affecting driving licences changed on the 1st January 1997. The rules mainly affect new drivers passing a car driving test after that date. Drivers who passed a car driving test before the 1st January 1997 should already have B+E entitlement on their licence, and therefore do not need a further test.

## Course Outline

### The course includes:

- Practical driving solo-tuition to the DSA standard
- Theoretical aspects of towing a trailer
- Practical tuition for the DSA reversing exercise
- Practical tuition for the DSA braking exercise.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. If I passed my test after 1st January 1997, can I tow a trailer?**

**A.** Your driving licence will show entitlement to drive vehicles in Category B (a vehicle with up to 8 passenger seats or a goods vehicle up to 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight e.g. transit van). You can tow a trailer, but it must not exceed 750kgs Gross Vehicle Weight (this is probably a small camping type trailer, but not a small caravan). The total weight of vehicle plus the trailer must not exceed 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight.

### **Q. How long will it take to train a driver to B+E?**

**A.** All drivers are different. Some will learn quickly, others may take longer. Due to this we would recommend an assessment prior to the training to determine the ideal course length.

## Delivery

The assessment is carried out at our Lincoln site, and the practical training is given in the Grimsby area, with the driving test taking place at the Grimsby Test Centre. Duration of the training will depend on the number of hours needed to achieve the required test standard. Including the time for the test, most candidates generally complete the training in approximately 6 hours.

The practical test includes a long period of road driving, with a test of reversing skills, coupling and uncoupling of the trailer, and a controlled stop.

The theory test is not required for B+E.