

LOGISTICS UK

HGV Driver Update



Firstly we would like to thank you for taking the time to visit our website logistics.org.uk/skills following receipt of your letter from the DfT.

In return for providing us with your email address, we said that we would keep you up to date with the latest developments and send you any relevant information, as and when we receive it.

Below is a round up of some key developments and some additional information that you may find useful as a returning HGV Driver.

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HGV Driver Bootcamps

The government has announced it is investing in new Skills Bootcamps to train up to 5,000 people to become HGV drivers. The scheme will be open to new and returning drivers.

In addition, people can train through courses accessed locally and funded by the Government's Adult Education Budget.

The move will help tackle skills shortages and support more people to launch new careers within the logistics sector.

Skills Bootcamps in HGV driving will be free, flexible courses lasting up to 16 weeks. Participants who are looking for a new job and successfully complete the course will be guaranteed a job interview with a local employer.

These courses will train drivers to be road ready and gain a cat C or cat C&E licence.

You are eligible to apply if you are aged 19 or over employed, self-employed, have recently become unemployed (in the past 12 months) or are returning to work after a break and hold a full UK driving licence.

There will be a range of courses on offer to suit varying levels of experience, so you may want to apply if you:

- have no, or limited, experience in HGV driving and you are interested in starting a new job in the industry.
- require additional HGV qualifications, such as Accord Dangereux Routier (ADR) or Petroleum Driver Passport (PDP).
- wish to update from driving licence category C to C+E.
- are returning to the profession.

Information on where the courses will be running across the country and how you can apply to take part will be available from mid-November on gov.uk: [List of Skills Bootcamps - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/skills-bootcamps-for-hgv-drivers).

You can contact the National Careers Service for advice on the options open to you, stay up to date on course availability and register your interest in Skills Bootcamps: nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us.

Skills Bootcamps in HGV driving will then begin from around the end of November or early December, depending on the timings of your local training provider.

Advice for returning drivers

If you're not sure whether your licence is still valid, you can check what vehicles you are allowed to drive [here](#).

If you previously qualified, you do not have to do the full qualification process again to bring your Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) up to date. What you need to do depends on when you originally got your heavy goods vehicle (HGV) licence. Some employers will offer help with the cost of any training.

Drivers who obtained their HGV licence before 10 September 2009, have two options:

- complete 35 hours of Driver CPC training. Training courses can be found through the government website [here](#).
- or take and pass modules 2 and 4 of the Driver CPC tests.

Taking Modules 2 and 4

Unlike the 35 hours of periodic training where there is no exam, these are pass or fail, but may be quicker route back to driving.

Module 2 is made up of 7 case studies you work through on a computer. The case studies are short stories based on situations that you're likely to come across in your working life. You'll be asked between 6 and 8 multiple-choice questions on each case study. The test lasts for 1 hour and 15 minutes, and the pass mark is 40 out of 50.

Module 4 is a 'show and tell'. The test is made up of 5 topics from the Driver CPC syllabus. You can score up to 20 points for each topic. You're tested on being able to:

- load the vehicle following safety rules and to keep it secure.
- stop trafficking in illegal immigrants.
- assess emergency situations.
- reduce physical risks to yourself or others.
- do a walkaround vehicle safety check.

If you have already taken Modules 2 and 4 of the Driver CPC tests, you cannot take them again and must complete 35 hours of training instead.

As a returning HGV driver, you cannot book your test online. You have to book by phone instead by calling DVSA customer services on 0300 200 1122 (choose option 01) Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

You can find more information on returning to work as a HGV driver on the governments website [here](#).

Driver CPC Training

Logistics UK has a comprehensive Driver CPC programme, delivered via both classroom-based and online training options, allowing you to choose the format best suited to you.

Our public training courses are available at venues across the UK, Monday to Saturday and our online e-Driver CPC course has been approved by JAUP (Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training) as a suitable remote-delivery alternative to classroom-based DCPC courses. You will receive the same high quality learning experience as you would in the classroom, supported by our unique materials and professional educators, all in the comfort of your own home.

[Learn more](#)

Finding a job

Below is a list of some of the job sites and locations you can find information about opportunities in the sector.

[Indeed](#)

[Total Jobs](#)

[Reed](#)

[HGV Recruitment](#)

[Avail](#) - puts drivers in direct contact with businesses.

Individual companies also have their own jobs boards, so if you are interested in working for a particular company, simply enter their name followed by jobs into your search engine.

Driver Agency Excellence - Certified Agencies

Driver Agency Excellence is a voluntary initiative which has been developed alongside operators and driver agencies. It aims to recognise, encourage and promote best practice within the sector. Driver Agency Excellence is managed by Logistics UK and steered by a Governance Group, made up of specialist driver agencies.

Find out which Driver Agencies are currently certified by Logistics UK's Driver Agency Excellence Scheme, by following this [Driver Agency Excellence](#) link.

Discover Logistics Careers

Logistics UK is helping members to fill their existing vacancies by co-ordinating the Discover Logistics Careers weekend. Members are invited to open their doors to job seekers during the weekend of 29 October to 1 November to discuss careers opportunities, register applicants for vacancies, training programmes, apprenticeships and work experience and explain more about the world of logistics and the career prospects it offers.

The weekend is backed by the DfT and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) with support from The Sun on Sunday, and there are already 20 sites registered around the country. To be a part of the Discover Logistics Careers weekend find out more [here](#).

Vocational driving test availability

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is keen to increase the utilisation of vocational driving test slots and as of this week had over 3,000 test slots overall available nationally up to the end of the year.

The DVSA has established an email address for driving schools or candidates and is encouraging all vocational communications to go through the [new mailbox](#). Tests can be booked through DVSA's test booking [website](#).

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