

Trailer Towing: Off Road

At a glance...

Training (with Assessment)

Duration Notes:	The expected duration for the course is one day, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.
Delivery Method:	Training (with Assessment)
Prerequisites:	<p>You must have attended the Lantra Awards Trailer Handling course within the previous 12 months.</p> <p>You'll need a valid driving licence, including any of the relevant categories required.</p> <p>You'll also need to hold a current Lantra Awards 4x4 Professional Off-Road Driving Certificate of Training, or equivalent.</p>

Introduction

Learn to tow trailers off-road with skill and confidence.

Overview in brief

Trailers are used extensively both in and outside work.

You might be transporting a vital piece of agricultural equipment or simply hitching a car to a caravan.

Whatever your needs, towing a trailer off-road requires a high level of skill.

Our course will teach you that skill.



The finer details



Our course involves a balanced mix of theory and practical sessions.

It's for very small groups, so you'll be guaranteed plenty of one-to-one instruction.



You'll learn the ins and outs of safety and the legal requirements regarding trailers.

We'll also give you an overview of the different types of trailers out there – and what they can and cannot do.

Then it's time for the hands-on sessions.

You'll learn to couple/uncouple and load your trailer.

Off-road practice follows, including key braking exercises.

Course sessions:

- Weight limitations
- Types of trailer and hitch – suitability for purpose and limitations of use
- Causes of accidents
- Coupling/un-coupling procedures
- Off-road trailer towing
- Loading – effects on stability/control
- Vehicle/trailer checks
- Braking exercise
- Limitations of braking system.

Who should attend?

Anyone who needs to use a trailer off road or who want to practice off road before venturing onto the highways.

What will be covered?

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Understand the legal requirements when towing trailers
- Carry out equipment safety checks
- Understand how the type and weight of a trailer affects off-road performance and safety
- Understand the relationship between vehicle and trailer weights and limits and how they are affected by off-road use
- Couple/uncouple the trailer from a vehicle



- Understand the requirements of driving the vehicle and trailer combination off-road
- Demonstrate competence in dealing with a variety of common off-road situations
- Understand the main causes of accidents and what can be done to avoid them.



Other areas of interest

- Trailer Towing : On Road
- Trailer Towing: On and Off Road
- Trailer B+E Test Preparation.

