

Trailer Handling

At a glance...

Training (with Assessment) Competence

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.

The following recommended durations have been developed as guidance to assist Providers:

One day - operators with good previous experience and/or current or recently expired trailer handling certification

Two days - for operators with limited or no trailer handling experience.

One day is equivalent to seven hours' contact time. Timings may be increased depending on Learner experience.

Prerequisites:

This course is suitable for any suitable towing vehicle, for which both the Learner and Instructor is adequately prepared/licenced to operate.

Introduction

Learn to handle trailers expertly – for work or leisure with our dedicated course.

Overview in brief

This course will equip you with the knowledge and skills to handle trailers safely; either as work-related training or for leisure/recreational use (such as caravans, boats, and horse boxes).



The finer details



This training course has been developed to support you handle trailers safely; either as work-related training or for leisure/recreational use (such as caravans, boats, and horse boxes).



The amount of instruction you will require will depend largely upon your previous experience and sessions will be adapted to meet your needs. Course duration will depend on experience and will be from one to two days.

The training course will consist of theory and practical sessions, followed by assessment. Course sessions include:

- Trailer towing safety and the law
- Common causes of accidents
- Hitch types and towing combinations
- Coupling/uncoupling procedures
- Trailer maintenance
- Nose weight measurement
- Trailer handling and reversing
- Braking exercise
- Assessment.

If successful in meeting the required standards assessed, you will be awarded a certificate of competence and a Lantra skills ID card for your chosen certificate option(s).

Who should attend?

This course is for you if you are or will be required to tow a trailer.

As you'll appreciate, this course contains some practical activity that will require a minimum level of fitness. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Provider.

What will be covered?

At the end of this course you will be able to:

- understand the legal requirements for towing a trailer on/off road
- appreciate the main causes of accidents and how to avoid them
- understand the main principles of 'safe towing'
- identify the maximum towing weights of specific vehicle/trailer combinations, and apply them to the type of use they are being subjected to
- measure nose weight, and correctly set up a vehicle/trailer combination
- couple and uncouple the trailer correctly and safely
- understand the importance of trailer maintenance



- carry out full pre-driving checks
- drive the vehicle and trailer (unit) through a series of turns and reverse into a restricted area.



Other areas of interest

- Trailer Towing: On Road
- Trailer Towing: Off Road
- Trailer Towing: On and Off Road.

