

NHSS Sector Scheme 12 Impact Protection Vehicle (IPV) Frequently Asked Questions

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The Impact Protection Vehicle (IPV) qualification is a two-part process which combines successful completion of training, followed by practical assessment(s).

Prior to undertaking the IPV qualification, Learners will be required to complete the entry level qualification detailed in the relevant sector scheme 12 document. The IPV qualification allows for different sectors of the industry to achieve a qualification that is relevant to the road type on which they work and the traffic management type that they undertake.

1. What has changed?

Prior to 1st April 2019, Learners were required to undertake an IPV training course, this would provide you with a Non-Live Lanes IPV skill. To upgrade the IPV category to include Live and Non-Live you either undertook the NHSS 12AB General Operative driver assessment or the 12C Supervisor Assessments.

As of 1st April 2019, Learners are required undertake the IPV Training course and new IPV driver assessment module. The qualification is not reliant on the Learner achieving the 12AB General Operative skill.

2. What if I already hold an IPV hard shoulder or live lanes card?

A: IPV Hard Shoulder Only

- To refresh the IPV skill, the Learner is required to sit a refresher IPV course and pass the end of course test.
- If the IPV skill has expired by more than six months then another hard shoulder assessment would be required.
- If the Learner wishes to up-skill, then the live lane assessment module would need to be completed.

B: IPV Live Lanes

- To refresh the IPV skill, the Learner is required to sit a refresher IPV course and pass the end of course test.
- If the IPV skill has expired by more than six months, the Learner will be required to undertake the IPV course, hard shoulder assessment and in addition would be required to undertake the live lane assessment.

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3. What are the IPV assessment modules?

Once the Learner has undertaken the IPV course and successfully passed the end of course test, they will be eligible to undertake the IPV Assessed modules below.

- Unit 1: IPV on hard shoulders
- Unit 2: IPV in a live lane on high speed dual carriageways and/or motorways
- Unit 3: IPV SVW Escort Vehicle
- Unit 4: IPV Static TTM for low speed dual carriageways
- Unit 5: IPV driver underpinning knowledge

4. What are there the IPV classifications and pre-requisites?

- IPV Non-Live Lanes
 - TTMBC
 - IPV Course
 - Unit 1: IPV on hard shoulders
- IPV Live Lanes
 - TTMBC
 - IPV Course
 - Unit 1: IPV on hard shoulders
 - 12AB General Operative Course
 - Unit 2: IPV in a live lane on high speed dual carriageways and/or motorways
- IPV SVW Escort Vehicle
 - TTMBC
 - 12D M1 Course
 - IPV Course
 - Unit 3: IPV SVW Escort Vehicle
- IPV Static TTM Low Speed Dual carriageway
 - TTMBC
 - 12D M3 Assessment
 - IPV Course
 - Unit 4: IPV Static TTM for low speed dual carriageways

The underpinning knowledge in unit 5 is common across all qualifications and must be completed to gain any IPV award.

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5. Is there a requirement to wait 3 months after completing the TTMBC?

The IPV course and hard shoulder assessments are both permitted to be carried out prior to taking the One-day 12AB operative course and there is no requirement to have at 3 months gap between completing the TTMBC and undertaking the IPV hard shoulder assessment.

6. I am an IPV Instructor, am I automatically approved to deliver IPV assessed modules?

You must have the appropriate assessor qualification and HGV Licence. If you meet those requirements you will be able to deliver both the training course and assessed modules for IPV.

IPV Instructors who are also 12C Supervisor Instructors/Assessors will automatically be approved to deliver Live Lane modules.

7. Can I be an IPV Assessor only?

No. Applicants must be approved to deliver both the training and practical assessment in the same application.

8. What is the Learner to Instructor Ratio?

The maximum group size for new entrants is 1:4

The maximum group size for refresher courses is 1:8

You can mix the two groups in the same day; however, you must adhere to the following. The maximum group size where both new entrants and refreshers are mixed is 1:8 with a maximum of 4 of those Learners being new entrants within the mixed group.

9. What is the Assessor to Learner Ratio?

1:1

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10. When conducting IPV Assessments where should the assessor be located?

The Assessor must be sat alongside the IPV Driver.

11. Can I assess an IPV live lanes driver at the same time as a 12ab Operative?

No.

12. How many live site visits do I need to complete each IPV module?

Each module is designed as a one live site visit, if the Learner doesn't achieve the assessment criteria further visits will be required.

13. How do I renew my IPV card?

There are 2 methods for the Learner to renew their IPV skills.

- **The Learners IPV skill is valid or has expired but is within 6 months of expiry**
The Learner can apply to undertake the IPV refresher course, there is no requirement to undertake a practical assessment.
- **The Learners IPV skill has expired in excess of 6 months**
The Learner must undertake the full IPV course with hard shoulder practical and if appropriate the Live Lane assessment module.

14. Can I deliver an IPV course and a live lane assessment on the same day?

If the Provider is delivering the IPV course with Hard shoulder assessment on the same day, it's not feasible to also deliver an additional assessment module. However, if the Instructor/Assessor wants to deliver the classroom element on one day, then the hard shoulder and live lane assessment on another day, that is acceptable.

