



## **TRAILER TRAINING – ON ROAD**

**Due to changes in vehicle law, a person passing their driving test after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997 - now has to undertake another test in order for them drive with a trailer or stock box.**

THE TEST IS CALLED B+E CATEGORY, administered by DSA

With a full driving licence they still need to display L plates if driving a vehicle and trailer, and must be accompanied by a driver who had passed their test PRIOR to 1<sup>ST</sup> Jan 1997.

YOU CAN JUST BOOK YOUR TEST, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICIAL TRAINING, BUT IF YOU DO, WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER A HELPFUL PACK

### **STB NO LONGER OFFER TRAILER TRAINING FOR B PLUS E TEST**

We regret that we are no longer able to provide this training and test directly , as the instructor we used has retired.

However, please find below the details of some training companies that we have worked with from time to time, and we recommend to contact and obtain information from them with regard to providing the trailer training and test.

- 1/. Crosshands Transport Training Ltd, Cwmgwili, Nr Llanelli.  
Tel: 02169 842164 ask for David Davies or David Puntan
  
- 2/. Mainport Industrial Training, Haverfordwest. Tel 01437 779733 ask for Rob Armstrong.
  
- 3/. Heads of The Valleys Training, Gilwern, Near Abergavenny.  
Tel: 01873 832000. Ask for Paul or Alex .
  
- 4/. Big Wheelers, Llanishen, Cardiff. Tel: 02920 766600

## **When registered for Farming Connect, you may be eligible for 80% funding.**

You will need to ask for a pre -approval form to claim farming connect funding, this form MUST be returned by you, and you will receive a letter back confirming funding BEFORE the training date.

When you are ready to book your **test**, online or over the phone , please be aware that your vehicle needs to be suitable- with exterior mirrors on wing mirrors for examiners use, and an audible bleeper system on indicators, more details below. And don't forget your L plates !

Car and trailer test vehicles must be:

- fitted with externally mounted, nearside and offside mirrors for use by the examiner or any person supervising the test
- an unladen category B vehicle towing a suitably braked, unladen trailer of at least one tonne MAM. The examiner may ask for evidence of the trailer MAM eg the manufacturer's plate
- fitted with an audible or visual device to indicate correct operation of the trailer indicators
- All vehicle combinations must operate on appropriate brakes and utilise a coupling arrangement suitable for the weight. The cargo compartment of the trailer must consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and as high as the towing vehicle; the view to the rear should only be possible by use of the external rear-view mirrors of the towing vehicle.

## **THE VEHICLE MUST BE ROADWORTHY, TAXED, INSURED ETC !**

### **Now ...Dawne the day. The car and trailer **practical** driving test**

The car and trailer test (B+E) is based on the lorry driving test and lasts for approximately one hour. Please note that B+E tests are conducted at vocational (bus and lorry) driving test centres.

#### **The towing test (B+E) includes**

- vehicle safety questions,
- an off-road reverse manoeuvre,
- a controlled stop,
- uncoupling and coupling of the trailer
- driving on the road.

#### **You won't be expected to carry out the following exercises:**

- emergency stop on the public road
- reversing round a corner
- reverse parking
- turning in the road

#### **Vehicle safety questions**

These are basic safety checks that you should carry out to ensure the vehicle is safe for use. Although some checks may involve opening the bonnet to identify where fluid levels would be checked, you won't be asked to touch a hot engine or physically check fluid levels. As vehicle technology advances, more and more vehicles are being equipped with electronic diagnostic systems, which inform the driver of the state of the engine fluid levels and tyre pressures. It will be acceptable for you to refer to the vehicle information system (if fitted) when answering questions on fluid levels or tyre pressures.

**You will be asked five questions, that will be a combination of 'show me' and 'tell me'.** A driving fault will be recorded for each incorrect answer to a maximum of four driving faults. If you answer all five questions incorrectly, a serious fault will be noted SEE PAGE 4

## At the driving test centre:

**You must bring the following items with you - if you don't, the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) may refuse to carry out the test and you may lose your fee:**

- an appropriately insured and licensed vehicle, displaying L-plates (except for taxi and Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) part two tests), that is suitable for the purpose of the test
- the appropriate theory test pass certificate (or confirmation) if you are not exempt; for lorry or bus theory tests, you'll need to bring both your multiple choice and hazard perception pass letters or your overall theory test pass certificate letter
- your appointment letter
- **both parts of your photo card licence - if you don't take both parts of your licence, your test will not take place and you'll lose your fee**
- **if you have an old-style paper licence, you must take your signed driver licence and a valid passport - no other form of photographic identification will be accepted**

**Over to you- Good Luck!!**

We still offer **WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN TRANSIT TEST, (WAIT)**. This is often referred to as the trailer test for over 40 miles ! It has nothing to do with driving, it is essential however if you transport livestock on journeys of over 65 km and up to 8 hours duration. We run these monthly.

**Contact Nick on 01443 670267 for details of WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN TRANSIT . IT IS ELIGIBLE FOR 80% FUNDING UNDER FARMING CONNECT**

## Vehicle safety questions

### You will be asked 5

Category B+E Safety Questions 01/07/2008				
Question	Topic	Show / Tell	Question	Answer
BE1	Brake Fluid	Show	Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.	Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.
BE2	Indicators	Show	Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.	Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and checking functioning of all indicators.
BE3	Loading	Tell	Tell me the main safety factors involved in loading this vehicle.	The load should be distributed evenly throughout the trailer. Heavy items should be loaded as low as possible so that they are mainly over the axle(s). Bulkier, lighter items should be distributed to give a suitable 'nose weight' at the towing coupling. The nose weight should never exceed the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
BE4	Loading	Tell	Tell me the main safety factors involved in securing a load on this vehicle	Any load must be carried so that it does not endanger other road users. It must be securely stowed within the size and weight limits for the vehicle. The load needs to be secure so that it cannot move or fall from the vehicle when cornering or braking.
BE5	Doors	Show	Show me how you would check that your vehicle & trailer doors are secure	Physical checks should be made to ensure that windows, roof light and all doors, including cargo doors, are properly closed.
BE6	Tyres	Tell	Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.	No cuts and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central ¾ of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.
BE7	Horn	Show	Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).	Check is carried out by using control (turn on ignition if necessary).
BE8	Engine coolant	Show	Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.	Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

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BE9	Handbrake	Show	Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.	Demonstrate by applying parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.
BE10	Windscreen Washers	Show	Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.	Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).
BE11	Windscreen Demister	Show	Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.	Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration
BE12	Rear fog light	Show	Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (No need to exit vehicle)	Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use.
BE13	Headlights	Show	Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car	Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.
BE14	Brake lights	Show	Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this vehicle. (I can assist you, if you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine).	Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help.
BE15	Head Restraints	Tell	Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.	The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. N.B. Some restraints might not be adjustable.