

Trailer Towing: On 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)

Introduction

Learn to tow trailers on public roads with our one-day course.

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 on public roads 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.

On-road practice follows, including key braking exercises.



Course sessions:

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

Who should attend?

Worth noting: You must have attended the Lantra Awards Trailer Handling course within the previous 12 months.

You'll also need a valid driving licence, including any of the relevant categories required.

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 on-road performance and safety
- Understand the relationship between vehicle and trailer weights and limits and how they are affected by on-road use
- Couple/uncouple the trailer from a vehicle
- Understand the requirements of driving the vehicle and trailer combination on-road
- Demonstrate competence in dealing with a variety of common on-road situations
- Understand the main causes of accidents and what can be done to avoid them.

Other areas of interest

- Trailer Towing: Off Road



- Trailer Handling
- Trailer B+E Preparation.

