



Want to be a Driving Instructor?

Find out how with our

Introductory Guide*



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Since October 1970 anyone who wishes to give paid instruction in cars has to qualify and have their name entered into the Register of Approved Driving Instructors.

The Register is administered by the DSA under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act of 1988.

As an approved Driving Instructor (ADI) you will be expected to demonstrate:

- ☞ A high regard for all aspects of road safety
- ☞ A high standard of driving and instructional ability
- ☞ A responsible approach to your customers
- ☞ A responsible attitude to your pupils and profession
- ☞ That you are a fit and proper person

The Legal Requirements

- ☞ Hold a full UK or EU/EEA unrestricted driving licence (any EU/EEA licence must either be exchanged for a GB licence or a community licence)
- ☞ Have held it for a total of at least 4 out of the past 6 years prior to entering the Register
- ☞ Not having been disqualified from driving at any time in the 4 years prior to being entered in the Register
- ☞ Be a fit and proper person. All convictions, motor-ing and non-motoring will be taken into account. CRB checks compulsory from early 2007

Being an ADI is not easy. You will need good people skills and a lot of patience and understanding as well as:



- ☞ A thorough knowledge of the theory and practice of driving instruction
- ☞ An ability to teach
- ☞ A facility to keep abreast of changes in statutory regulations that govern the content and conduct of driving tests as well as driving instruction
- ☞ An ability to provide a professional service to people from diverse backgrounds

The benefits

- ☞ Self employment
- ☞ Flexible working hours
- ☞ Reasonable income once qualified
- ☞ Job satisfaction
- ☞ Chance to be your own boss

The drawbacks

- ☞ Very tough qualifying process
- ☞ Unsociable working hours
- ☞ Responsibility for the safety of pupils and others
- ☞ Extra hours for running your own business

Have you got what it takes?



The qualifying examination to become a driving instructor is in three parts:

Part 1: Theory – consists of a multiple-choice test and a video based hazard perception test. There is no limit to the number of attempts you may have for this test.

Part 2: Driving Technique – consists of an eyesight test followed by an advanced practical test of your driving technique. The test lasts one hour and is carried out on all types of road. You are only allowed 3 attempts.

Part 3: Instructional ability – consists of a practical test of your ability to instruct. The test lasts one hour and is conducted by an examiner role-playing the part of two pupils. You are only allowed 3 attempts.

The Trainee Licence: This allows you to be legally paid for giving driving instruction. You must have passed the part 2 driving ability test and received at least 40 hours instruction towards the part 3 instructional ability test. The licence lasts 6 months and normally only one will be issued, so you must pass your final examination during this time.

Questions to ask

- ◇ Is the training organisation ORDIT registered?
- ◇ Will an assessment of your suitability be carried out?
- ◇ How much is it going to cost?
- ◇ Does the cost include books and test fees?
- ◇ What extra support is offered if you fail an examination attempt?
- ◇ What happens if you need more training?
- ◇ Will any in-car training be on a one-one basis?
- ◇ Can you train whilst carrying on with your existing job?
- ◇ Does the course allow you to pay in stages?
- ◇ What is the refund policy?
- ◇ What are your rights under the contract?
- ◇ Is there an hourly rate payment option?



ORDIT At present, there is no statutory scheme governing the training of driving instructors. However, there is a voluntary scheme called ORDIT – The Official Register of Driving Instructor Training.

Most companies training driving instructors will fall into one of two groups, those who are members of ORDIT and those who are not. Instructor Doctors is proud to be a full member of ORDIT and to uphold the strict code of conduct with regards to its training methods and business practices.

The ORDIT Register is administered by the DSA (Driving Standards Agency), the organisation responsible for the Driving Instructor examinations and the British Driving Test. All companies who are members of ORDIT have to go through a rigorous inspection of their premises and teaching methods. Each trainer is also assessed by a senior DSA examiner on a regular basis.

Why choose us?

- 👍 The security of full ORDIT registration
- 👍 Flexible courses to suit individual needs
- 👍 Hourly rate training option
- 👍 One-to-one in-car training
- 👍 'Pay as you go' modular training system



About Us

Instructor Doctors, a small team of highly qualified instructor trainers, was set up in 2006 in response to those wishing to join the industry who are looking for a personalised, flexible and specialist approach to driving instructor training. It also aims to address the growing number of examination candidates who feel they have received poor and inadequate training.



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