HGV / LGV CE (Class 1) Driver Training: Upgrade from Category C (Class 2)

In a nutshell

A Personal Learning Account is a new initiative from the Welsh Government. The initiative will offer people the chance to access free, part-time courses that offer flexible and convenient learning around their existing lifestyle.

This course will allow you to drive LGV category CE (Class 1) articulated vehicles, the largest goods vehicle category you are able to attain.

This vehicle is commonly referred to as an articulated lorry, typically made up of either a conventional tractor unit and trailer or lorry and draw-bar trailer (wagon and drag).

This course is for...

... Anyone aged 19 +, living in Wales, employed, and earning less than £32,371 per year

... Anyone that already holds their LGV category C (Class 2) driving licence, looking to upgrade to category CE (Class 1). You do not need to have held your category C licence for a certain

period of time

... Competent drivers looking to upskill and improve their career prospects in the transport industry as a large goods vehicle driver

Course content

Practical driver training is completed on a 1-to-1 basis over 2 and a half days, including your practical test. During this time, you will learn how to defect check, drive, manoeuvre and safely uncouple/recouple an articulated large goods vehicle to the required standard.

The practical test is made up of two parts:

an 'S shaped' reverse exercise into a loading bay + safe uncouple/re-couple demonstration
a 60 minute on-the-road drive

You may need to return to complete your Driver CPC qualification if you do not already hold a valid card.

Entry Requirements

You must already hold an LGV C (Class 2) licence in order to enrol on this course. If you do not hold this then please see LGV CE (Class 1) Driver Training: Direct Entry from Car.

You do not need to complete any additional driver medicals, provisional applications or theory tests.

Additional information

The training options will depend on where you live.