

CHOOSING YOUR DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

So, you are almost ready for driving lessons; the provisional licence is applied for and the next thing on the list is to find a driving instructor. You think that this is a simple process of picking up the telephone book and seeing which advert looks the best. So you make the call and ask.....

Well, what do you ask?

- Price is obviously important, but so is the training isn't it?
- What is the pass rate like? Well everyone passes a test at some point – don't they?
- What car will I learn in? Will it be an old banger or a new modern car?

These are just a few questions that in my experience all learners have. Parents have a few more of course as they, are in general, more concerned about safety and attitudes of instructors.

Driving is the route to freedom, of being able to travel anywhere. This may be the only time you will ever be tested. So it makes sense to get this foundation absolutely 100% correct. A strong foundation is important in any aspect of life from education to building a house.

Likewise, the choice of a driving instructor is very important. Price will always be a consideration but a cheap hourly rate *may* lead to poor extensive instruction (why do some driving instructors have cheap hourly rates? Are they not busy?)

When you choose **REALITY** you will have a full course syllabus and challenging training and you could get to spend less over the course of lessons, sometimes as much as 25% - 30 % less than the DSA published averages.

So should your first question be: "How much do you charge" or "on average how many lessons do your pupils take?" Still not happy – will you get what you want to hear?

How about a knowledge test then? – After all Driving Instructors are supposed to be the experts! Try these questions:

- Why is the minimum distance you can see to be clear 100 metres before fog lights are required? There is logic to it.
- How would I recognise a dual carriageway? (No-it's not 2 lanes)
- What do the different white lines down the middle of the road mean?
- Why are some dual carriageways 40 mph, 50 mph or 60 mph, why aren't they all national speed limit?
- Why are some warning triangles lit up?
- Why doesn't every bend have a warning triangle?

Knowing "why" the answers to these questions will help you understand how to drive, how to read the road and what actions you should take.

Choosing a driving instructor isn't just about the lesson cost. The consequences may be far more expensive than you expected!

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