

REALITY INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO BECOME A DRIVING INSTRUCTOR?

First of all you must have no more than 5 penalty points on your driving licence. The DSA frown upon instructors with penalty points and 6 points will exclude you from the Approved list of Driving Instructors (ADI). You will have held a UK licence for at least 4 years.

In order to become a driving instructor, you will be required to pass 3 tests (these are explained in more detail on a separate sheet): Part 1 is a test of hazard perception and a theory. Part 2 is an ability to drive test and Part 3 is ability to instruct test.

There is no limit to the amount of times that you can take Part 1, but as soon as you pass this test the 2-year clock starts. Within this time you must take the Part 2 and Part 3 tests, otherwise its back to starting Part 1 again.

Only 3 attempts at both Part 2 and Part 3 are allowed. Should you fail either 3 times then it's a wait of 2 years from Part 1 pass date before you can start again.

WILL I NEED A DUAL CONTROLLED CAR?

Not for Part 1 or Part 2 tests. It's not compulsory even for Part 3. But we believe in you using **our** cars for the tests (unlike most other companies). They comply with the rules and are fitted with dual controls AND ARE FULLY INSURED. If you wish you can use your own car for the tests, if you do then it's important that we train in your car for Part 2. We would however recommend our car for Part 3. *Your own car would need to be insured for either part 2 or part 3 tests.*

DO REALITY RUN A LEARNER DRIVING SCHOOL

We are able to offer franchise with our company as a fully qualified ADI and offer some the opportunity to train on a trainee licence. We currently have 5 cars in the area and will have more opportunities this year and next year.

Also there are plenty of vacancies in the industry for example the AA driving school, Red and BSM are always advertising for qualified instructors – you may even want to start your own driving school.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO TRAIN?

Well it depends on how much time you have free and how much practice you are prepared to put in. We offer intensive courses if you are in a hurry, however it is important to make good habits and get enough practice in – this will take time. In terms of number of hours, we estimate that you will need to spend 4 hours with us on Part 1, and then study at home for more hours.

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The larger companies ask you to train by yourself for Part 1, then, pass the test before you start Part 2. We, on the other hand, combine 1 & 2 together so you can shorten up the course length.

Part 2 takes about 12 hours of instruction and another 15 hours of practice.

Part 3 is about 40 hours. We teach you how to teach not just pass an exam and the work is not 2 PDI's in a car halving your hours. We teach 1 to 1 and you get your hours, not half of somebody else's.

Total time is about 50 – 70 hours plus practice spread over a period of about 9 months. We do offer intensive courses for those of you in a hurry.

WHAT IS THE PASS RATE?

I am ashamed to admit that published data from the DSA (Driving Standards Agency) shows that the pass rate overall for the UK is around 27% - less than 3 out of ten qualify. This is generally because most teach how to pass a test and don't give pupils a chance with lack of training hours.

We only take on a few pupils and assess their suitability first. This way our pass rates are very high – part 2 is 100% and part 3 this year (2006) is 11 out of 12 (90%+ in 2006).

CAN WE SUPPLY REFERENCES

We are happy to provide references – just call us and we will give you telephone numbers. References from our own PDI'S and from PDI'S of the larger companies, like *The Instructor college*, *BSM* and *Lets drive* who have come to us for extra training.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I CAN PASS THE TESTS?

We conduct an assessment session – not a Pseudo interview at a job centre, where everyone who is willing to pay is told that they can make it. For details of this see the attachments.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST

[We have several options here](#). If you want to buy a full course then this costs £2,850.00 plus test fees. If you pay up front we will reduce this by 5%. We prefer you to "pay as you go". The more you do for yourself the less that you pay us. There is more of an incentive for you to pay us less and study harder – making our job easier. You may qualify for a career development loan which we are approved for ref No.20017.

Pay as you go costs £40.00 per hour. 50 hours is £2,000 plus about £150 on books. Plus test fees.

We do expect you to try hard to qualify. There cannot be open-ended training hours available. You must be prepared to help yourself. The larger companies restrict you to a very limited number of hours. We will discuss this with you, but by the time you get to here you will have had in the order of 70 hours of training. About 30 more than you would get from our competitors, who charge you more.

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CAN I TRAIN AROUND MY CURRENT JOB?

Training to be a driving instructor is an ideal opportunity to start a new career without giving up your current job. We offer some evening and Saturday training but not exclusively to any one PDI. You will have to take some time during a working week. We will do our best to accommodate special circumstances.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS A LESSON?

We have to earn a living but understand that there must be some flexibility. Given some notice or illness – not a problem, but if you just don't turn up then eventually we will have to consider a charge for the time.

WHERE WILL I TRAIN

Near to your home. Only a few test centres offer PDI tests in the area. These are: Coventry, Bayton Road – Northampton – South Yardley, Birmingham – or South Wigston, Leicester.

We will have to consider test routes at one of these and train in that area eventually, so a meeting place will be arranged.

ARE THERE ENOUGH VACANCIES FOR DRIVING INSTRUCTORS?

New potential clients appear every week when they reach 17 years old. 10 years ago an average time to pass the L test took 20 lessons. This has now increased to 43 lessons at, up to, £25.00 per hour (we recommend 2 hour sessions for your learners). The number of instructors hasn't changed much. On top of this there is Pass plus earning another 6 to 8 hours. But it does not stop there; there is fleet driver training, advanced training or perhaps training the trainers. We cannot guarantee clients after you have qualified - all we can do is give you the tools to be a highly skilled high quality instructor- who would you rather have teaching your child? Quality will always show through.

WHY PICK REALITY TRAINING?

I hold 3 advanced driver qualifications. I am on the DSA fleet register, I work as a consultant for 2 large fleet training organisations and for Thames Valley Police and the MET on speed awareness. A whole host of additional useful knowledge that will be passed on to you and make you a better instructor and a better driver.

I have taught learners, worked for "LET'S DRIVE" as an instructor trainer and have a very high pass record. I currently have 20 PDI's on my books and will only expand gradually. During my work with LETS DRIVE, I would have upwards of 80 people to train. We limit number of trainees to around 25. We are expanding our business at the moment.

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