

EA Driver training requirements

4x4 training

Delegates are employees who are required to drive 4x4 vehicles either or both on and off road as part of their duties. We require the Supplier to provide a suitable selection of venues across England, which are close within reasonable travelling distance of Environment Agency offices and depots and demonstrate relevant insurance compliance.

The supplier will provide a suite of courses to ensure each delegate receives the level of training required for their role.

1. Use of 4x4 on and off road.
2. 5-year refresher.
3. Stand alone jump start pack training for delegates who have previously passed 4x4 training.

The training provider will ensure that all trainers utilised during the contract will be suitably competent and be qualified to train using the Borda standards.

We require training to be provided in a blended approach that includes instructor/student practice using relevant vehicles and provides a competency assessment to meet agreed standards of **Borda**.

In addition to driving training, the training provider will provide training in the use of the following battery-operated jump start pack on each 4x4 course delivered:

[TB1224HDD Heavy Duty Steel Cased Jump Start Pack | Powervamp](#)

The training provider will ensure that a jump start pack (Noted above) is available for use during training.

Learner outcomes for 4x4:

1. Drivers will know and comply with all legal requirements with an emphasis on safe practice, including identifying and understanding the risks associated with driving, the main causes of accidents.
2. Drivers who carry out appropriate checks before starting and can identify and report any issues, as well as risk assessing journeys and planning out routes.
3. Drivers who can start, stop and drive across a range of terrain and ground conditions, including understanding requirements for driving on public roads, off road, on un-mettled roads and driving through fords.
4. Drivers will understand the importance of and how to undertake pre-use checks on their vehicle and how to find all relevant information on the capability of the vehicle.
5. Drivers who make appropriate decisions and respond accordingly to on journey obstacles, particularly with relation to vehicle capabilities and their own driving skills.
6. Drivers will know how to safely use TB1224HCC jump starter.

*All training syllabuses to be agreed upon contract award, before commencement of training.

Trailer Towing

Delegates are employees who are required to tow trailers up to their DVLA combined weight as listed on and off road as part of their duties. We require the Supplier to provide a suitable selection of venues across England, which are close within reasonable travelling distance of Environment Agency offices and depots and demonstrate relevant insurance compliance.

The supplier will provide a suite of courses to ensure each delegate receives the level of training required for their role.

1. Towing of trailers on road only.
2. Towing of trailers off road.
3. Towing of trailers on road assessment only. (For delegates with proven previous experience but new to the EA.
4. 5-year refresher.
5. Stand alone safe securing of loads for delegates who have previously passed trailer training.

The training provider will ensure that all trainers utilised during the contract will be suitably competent and be qualified to train using the Borda standards, where applicable.

We require training to be provided in a blended approach that includes instructor/student practice using relevant vehicles and provides a competency assessment to meet previous DVLA B+E standards and those of Borda, where applicable.

Learner outcomes trailer towing:

1. Drivers who identify loading and towing capabilities of their vehicle and can safely secure loads for transport on and off roads, as well as being able to couple and uncouple a trailer from a vehicle and knowing how to measure the nose weight of the trailer.
2. Drivers who carry out appropriate checks before starting and can identify and report any issues, particularly with an awareness to the loading and unloading criteria of the trailer.
3. Drivers who can tow trailers across a wide range of off road scenarios which are required as part of their role and that of the EA as a first responder.
4. Drivers who can drive competently while towing a trailer, including all necessary driving manoeuvres with an understanding of their vehicle capabilities and their own driving skills with trailer, including how the type and weight of the trailer affects performance and safety.
5. Drivers who can tow in line with their license permissions.

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Electric vehicle E-learning

Delegates will be employees who are required to drive either badged fleet, pool cars or leased electric vehicles as part of their role.

The supplier will provide access to an E-learning package that provides delegates with the knowledge on how to safely drive an EV vehicle and how to use the vehicle efficiently.

The training package will provide information on different types of electric vehicle and how to drive them safely.

Learner outcomes following E-learning:

1. Drivers will be able to understand the capabilities of their vehicle and how to drive it safely.
2. Drivers will understand how to drive the vehicle efficiently and plan their journeys to reduce anxiety around range.

The training provider may provide an off the shelf E-learning package or design a bespoke course which will include a short test to ensure that the material has been understood.

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