



# Gears Forward

Driver Training

## **Why become a driving instructor?**

Being an approved driving instructor isn't easy – but it is a very rewarding job, whether you choose to do it full or part time. You'll be helping people achieve a lifelong skill, through the ability to teach, as well as having a strong understanding of both the theory and practical sides of driving. You will also be classed as self-employed, and will run a driving school business which meets those regulations.

You will need to be patient, understanding, adaptable, intuitive and fun, which in turn means your pupils should walk away from a lesson feeling like learning has taken place!

## **Minimum and legal requirements**

You must meet the following legal requirements before you can apply to be a driving instructor

- Be aged 21 or over by the time you qualify
- Have held a driving licence for at least 3 years
- Be able to read a number plate from 27.5 meters, the use of glasses or contact lenses is ok
- Complete and pass enhanced criminal records and motor conviction checks

# **How to qualify to become an approved driving instructor**

There are 3 parts to the qualifying process, you will need to pass all 3 parts to become an approved driving instructor.

## **ADI Part 1**

This is a theory test, and the first part of the qualifying process. There are 2 parts to the test, multiple choice questions and hazard perception. You will have 90 minutes to answer 100 multiple choice questions. There are 25 questions on 4 of the following categories:

- Road procedure
- Traffic signs and signals, car control, pedestrians and mechanical knowledge
- The driving test, disabilities and the law
- Publications and instructional techniques

To pass the multiple-choice part of the test, you will need to get at least 85 correct answers, and at least 20 out of 25 in each of the categories.

The hazard perception part of the test comprises of 14 video clips, featuring every day road scenes with at least one developing hazard. You will need to click the mouse button as you see the hazard starting to develop. The pass mark for the hazard perception is 57 out of a possible 75 points. You will need to pass both the multiple choice and hazard perception to pass the ADI Part 1 exam.

## **ADI Part 2**

This is a driving test which will give you the ability to demonstrate you can drive to a high standard. The test lasts approximately 1 hour, and includes the following:

- Eye sight test
- Show me tell me questions
- General driving ability
- Reversing maneuvers
- Independent driving

The driving test marking is similar to that of a learner driving test, no serious or dangerous faults can be made, and up to 6 minor faults is permitted.

### **ADI Part 3**

This is the last of the 3 tests you need to pass before you become an approved driving instructor. A DVSA examiner will watch you give a client centered driving lesson lasting approximately 1 hour to a pupil. Your pupil can be a full licence holder if need be. You will be marked under 3 main headings, lesson planning, risk management and teaching and learning strategies. You will need to score at least 31 out of a possible 51 marks to pass this test.

## **Course structure, and the Gears Forward Driver Training and Tri-Coaching partnership**

Gears Forward are delighted to say we have teamed up with Tri-Coaching for our driving instructor training. Tri-Coaching are industry leaders in driver training, with a goal of helping improve road safety and training standards through a higher level of education. You will receive a Tri-Coaching course book, as well as access to online videos and tutorials, as well as self-study books, all of which will complement the in-car sessions with one of our driving instructor trainers.

### **How long does it take?**

There are many factors that can influence the time it takes to fully qualify. You may have a current job, and slotting training around that or other commitments could be tricky. But as a general guide:

There are 12 in car sessions, each one lasting approximately 3 hours. This covers training from ADI Part 1 through to ADI Part 3. Bear in mind that waiting time for the exams can be as long as 2-3 months. Also bear in mind that you will probably want additional training to help cement the skills you've developed, especially for the Part 3 test.

### **How much does it cost?**

The full course, which includes 45 hours to be used in car, and all training materials, including access to the online Tri-Coaching content is marketed by themselves for £3300. Gears Forward Driver Training is currently offering this at a discounted price of £2175. Monthly payments can be discussed with your trainer. Any hours not used for whatever reason can be refunded.

Alternatively, we offer a pay as you go scheme for more flexibility. There is an initial course cost of £600 to cover all training materials, and online training sessions. Hour by hour prices for the in-car sessions currently sit at £40 per hour.

Bear in mind this doesn't cover the cost of lesson test prices which at the time of publication are as follows:

- ADI Part 1 £81
- ADI Part 2 £111
- ADI Part 3 £111
- ADI registration on qualifying £300

## **Franchise agreement**

Upon qualifying as an ADI you will have the ability to join Gears Forward Driver Training as a franchisee. You can speak to either Mark or Rob for more information about prices and what to expect from a local driving school franchise.

## **Think this might be the right career for you?**

Please feel free to give Mark or Rob a call, we are both happy to meet up for an informal chat to give you a greater insight into what the job entails, what to expect for the tests, realistic earnings, and potential franchise agreements going forward.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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