

Passenger Carrying Vehicles (Bus and Coach) Driver Apprenticeship

Benefits of Apprenticeships

Businesses across the UK offer apprenticeship places because they recognise their effectiveness at increasing productivity, improving business performance and ensuring a committed and competent workforce.



Large Goods Vehicle Driver Apprenticeship

What is a Passenger Carrying Vehicles (Bus and Coach) driver Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a training programme that is completed whilst also working and getting paid. In the case of the PCV apprenticeship this will be working as a bus or coach driver.

How long does an Apprenticeship last?

The apprenticeship will last for a minimum of 13 months.

What level is the Apprenticeship?

The PCV driver intermediate apprenticeship is at level 2.

What will be completed on an Apprenticeship?

This will depend upon the employer to some extent but all apprentices will cover the following programme for their apprenticeship.

Induction

This is two days in duration with SP Training and on average around fourteen days with the employer. The induction explains what will be covered during the apprenticeship with SP Training and in the workplace with the employer.

Professional Driver Programme

This covers the driver training and tests. PCV apprentices need to pass their category D (bus) in order to legally drive a bus or coach on the road for work. They also need training to achieve the following competencies:

- Driving
- Customer Care
- Legislation
- Safe and Fuel Efficient Driving
- Environmental Issues

Maths & English

This apprenticeship requires a minimum of level 1 maths & English.

If the candidate already possess maths and English at level 1 then they will be supported to achieve level 2. If they already have level 2 they will not be required to do maths and English qualifications.

Level 1 is equivalent to grade D-E GCSE and level 2 is equivalent to Grade A-C GCSE.

Entry Requirements

Candidates must already hold provisional licence for category D.



What Qualifications Will Be Achieved?

At the end of the apprenticeship the following training and qualifications will have been achieved:

- Category D driving licence
- Initial Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC)
- 35 hours of ongoing Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC)
- Maths & English level 1 and/or 2 Functional Skills
- Level 2 Award in knowledge of a professional bus and coach driver (QCF)
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Passenger Carrying Vehicle driving (Bus and Coach)
- The Apprentice may also achieve employer specific qualifications: i.e. First Aid, Health & Safety

Timetable (Guide only as each apprentice and employer has different needs)

| Activity | |
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| Month 1 | Induction |
| | Theory - Multiple Choice (Module 1a) & Hazard Perception (1b) training and test |
| | Case Study (Module 2) training and test |
| Month 2 | Category D training and test |
| | Practical Demonstration (module 4) training and test |
| Month 3 | Maths & English training and test Level 1 |
| Month 4 | Professional Driver Module 1 - <i>Drivers Hours & Record Keeping</i> |
| | Programme Review |
| Month 5 | Professional Driver Module 2 - <i>Driver Health & Safe Driving Techniques</i> |
| Month 6 | Professional Driver Module 3 - <i>Traffic Law</i> |
| | Programme Review |
| Month 7 | Safe & Fuel Efficient Driving Workshop |
| Month 8 | Professional Driver Module 4 - <i>Vulnerable Road Users</i> |
| Month 9 | Professional Driver Module 5 - <i>First Aid</i> |
| | Programme Review |
| Month 10 | Employer Specific Training* |
| | Maths & English training and test Level 2 |
| Month 11 | Employer Specific Training* |
| Month 12 | Employer Specific Training* |
| Month 13 | End point Assessments |
| Apprenticeship Completion | |

*In practice employer specific training will run throughout the entire programme.

What Is Required From You the Employer?

For the majority of apprenticeships, the employer is required to allow the apprentice time to study and take assessments. We will advise in advance as much as possible to facilitate work planning.

The employer is also asked to facilitate visits from SP Training assessors to both assess competency and monitor training performance and competence.

Please note that before joining an apprenticeship programme, all applicants will need to be assessed to determine their level of English and maths and an Eligibility Check will also need to be carried out.

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