

Passenger Transport Driver (Bus and Coach) Apprenticeship

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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 Passenger Transport Driver intermediate apprenticeship is at level 2.

Progression opportunities on completion of Apprenticeship

There are various opportunities available such as becoming an international driver, a service controller or inspector, gaining driving experience and becoming a PCV instructor or moving into transport management.

Induction

This is two days in duration with SP Training and your 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. Passenger Transport Driver 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 and an attempt at Level 2.

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 (3-2) GCSE and level 2 is equivalent to Grade A-C (9-4) 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
- 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	
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
	Self-Awareness and Personal Development
Month 4	Professional Driver Module 1 - <i>Drivers Hours & Record Keeping</i>
	Team Work
Month 5	Professional Driver Module 2 - <i>Driver Health & Safe Driving Techniques</i>
	Communication
Month 6	Professional Driver Module 3 - <i>Emergency First Aid</i>
	Equality and Diversity
Month 7	Safe & Fuel Efficient Driving Workshop
	Managing Conflict
Month 8	Professional Driver Module 4 - <i>Vulnerable Road Users</i>
Month 9	Professional Driver Module 5 - <i>Traffic Law</i>
Month 10 - 12	Maths & English training and test Level 2
	Gateway Meeting and Portfolio Check
	Mock End Point Assessment - Written (several mocks to be attempted in workplace)
Month 12	Mock End Point Assessment - Practice Assessment (completed in workplace with SP Training Trainer on site)
Month 13	End point Assessments
Apprenticeship Completion	

Note - In practice **employer specific training, programme reviews** and **functional skills home study** (if applicable) 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. As a minimum the apprentice must complete 20% off the job.

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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