

How to obtain a full D1 licence entitlement

1. Provisional Licence Application

Obtain and complete a provisional licence application form (D2), which is available from main Post Offices or can be *requested* on-line from DVLA. Your application must also include a completed Medical Examination Form (D4) - copies of this are available from main Post Offices or can be *downloaded* from the DVLA website.

2. Medical Examination

Drivers of passenger carrying vehicles have to satisfy higher medical standards than car drivers. A D4 form needs to be completed by a medical practitioner, usually your own GP, and must accompany your provisional licence application form for category D1.

GP's generally charge in the region of **£80** for medical examination and completion of the D4 form.

On receipt of your licence, containing provisional entitlement, you will be able to apply for your theory and hazard perception tests.

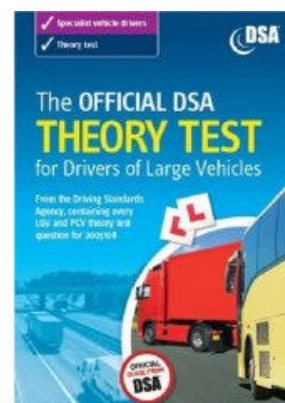
3. The Theory Test

Consists of 60 multiple choice questions - the test is computer-based and the pass mark is 51 correct out of 60.

All current questions are contained in the *Official DSA Theory Test for drivers of Large Vehicles*

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In addition to the above, there is also a hazard perception test.

The hazard perception test consists of 14 video clips which contain a number of hazards that you must identify. The pass mark for this is 50 out of 75.

You will be given your results immediately on completion of both parts of this test. You have to pass both parts at the same time. A certificate will also be provided.

The cost of the Theory Test (*including Hazard Perception*) is currently **£32:00** (*April 2008*)

4. The Practical Test (D1)

The practical test must be taken in a *“Passenger Carrying Vehicle (PCV) with 9 - 16 passenger seats with a Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM) of at least four tonnes, of at least five metres in length and capable of 80 km/h (50 mph). It must also be fitted with a Tachograph, ABS, seatbelts and examiner mirrors.”*

The test lasts for 90 minutes, during which you will be required to demonstrate a high standard of driving, and as such you would be advised to seek professional guidance before taking such a test.

As well as conducting a number of off-road manoeuvres, you will be required to drive on a variety of roads both urban and rural and answer some questions on basic vehicle maintenance.

Practical minibus tests are conducted at heavy good vehicle testing stations, not car driving test centres. The cost of a weekday practical test is currently **£105:00** (*April 2008*)