



"What is Driver CPC Periodic Training?"

Driver CPC is short for 'Driver Certificate of Professional Competence'. It is a new qualification that all professional bus, coach and lorry drivers will need to have if they want to drive for a living. Driver CPC is being introduced across the European Union to maintain high driving standards.

"I already hold a bus, coach or lorry driving licence"

If you held a bus or coach licence before September 2008 or hold a current LGV licence (and pass your LGV practical test before 10th September 2009) then you have 'acquired' or 'grandfather' rights. This means that you have until September 2013(bus and coach) or September 2014(lorry) to complete 35 hours of training - if you fail to do this then you will not be legally able to drive your vehicle commercially beyond those dates.

"Is it true that I have to complete my CPC before September 2009?"

Absolutely not. As explained above, if you already hold a licence the you have 5 years in which to complete the training. If however you have not completed your LGV practical test by September 10th, 2009 you will need to complete additional examinations to obtain your licence AND you will need to then commence your 35 hours of training over a 5 year period from your pass date.

"What should I be doing now?"

The best thing to do right now is to find an accredited traing group, such as The Resources Group, and look at the courses they offer to see if there is anything that is of interest to you. Most courses will be fairly similar as they are all adhering to guideline laid down by the Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training.

Check to see if there are courses running near you and how frequently they run and also see what offers are available to you. For example, The Resources Group are offering to pay the upload fee to the DVLA if courses are booked before 10th September 2009.

"Where can I go for advice about the CPC?"

At A1 Marsden Recovery Training we are happy to help and advice in any aspect of the driver CPC covering what courses are available, their relevance to your specific loads/industry, locations and venues and pricing.

"What courses are going to be available?"

There will be a variety of courses running at A1 Marsden Training however to save time and cost we are delivering driver CPC combined with (VR) vehicle Recovery Modules , for example VR1 Health and safety, achieving this will contribute to 7 hours towards your 35 hours periodic training another example if you decide to sit a VR1 health & safety VR3 Road side safety and VR 6 Transporters you will have achieved 3 modules and 21 hours towards your 35 hours CPC.