

## Driving Career Options

Choosing a career in driving can be very rewarding. Whether you are delivering online shopping, helping people get to work or distributing essential food across the country, the role of a driver is vital in keeping the country moving.

There are many roles to suit different levels of qualifications and skills, here are just some and the driving licence required. (NB: May need to check for specific requirements with regard to the length of time you have held a licence, any endorsements or penalty points, age etc.)

### Cars and Vans under 3.5 tonnes – Licence Category B

- Driving Instructor (Need to pass DVSA Approved Driving Instructor test)  
Salary range: £15,000 to £30,000
- Private Chauffeur (May need Advanced Driver Course)  
Salary range: 14,000 to £50,000
- Courier/Parcel Delivery - (Royal Mail, Hermes etc.)  
Salary range: 16,000 to £24,000
- Taxi Driver (Regulated by local councils, check details)  
Salary range: £14,000 to £30,000
- Community Transport Driver (not a minibus)  
Salary range: £14,000 to £25,000
- Supermarket Delivery Driver (age limit may apply due to selling alcohol)  
Salary range: £18,000 to £20,000

### Medium-sized vehicles - Cat C1 – weighs between 3.500 kg – 7.500 kg

*NB: If you passed your car driving test before 1 January 1997, you are allowed to drive vehicles up to 7.500 kg without the need for a separate licence.*

*If you passed your car test after 1 January 1997, you can drive vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes with your car licence. To drive vehicles between 3.500 and 7.500 kg, you will need further training to get a category C1 licence. You must be at least 18 years old, and pass a medical, theory and practical tests.*

*All drivers will also need to complete a short course to get a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC).*

- Courier/Parcel/Post Delivery  
Salary: £16,000 to £24,000
- Ambulance Driver – Emergency Care Assistant  
Salary: £19,000 - £24,000



## **Large Goods Vehicles (LGV) – Driver CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence) required**

Further training may also be required dependent on vehicle.

### **Cat C – over 7,500 tonnes – (old name Class 2) – Rigid – (cab does not detach from the trailer)**

Salary range:- £18,500 to £35,000

- Skip Lorry
- Tippers
- Deliveries
- Couriers
- Removals
- Haulage
- Fire Engine



### **Cat C+E – (old name Class 1 HGV) – Articulated – Cab detaches from Trailer - over 7,500 tonnes**

Salary range:- £21,000 - £45,000

- Long distance lorry driver
- Tanker Drivers (ADR may also be required if transporting dangerous goods)
- Specialist loads – wide/heavy etc.



**Minibuses** – a minibus is classed between 9 – 16 seats

**Licence Cat D1** – No more than 16 Passenger Seats, Max length of 8mtrs

(NB A [Public Service Vehicle](#) (PSV) licence is also required to carry passengers in a vehicle in return for payment.

Salary range: £15,000 - £34,000

- Community Transport Driver
- Taxi Driver



### **Bus or Coach Driver**

**Licence Cat D** – any vehicle with more than 8 seats

**Driver CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence) Required**

Need to have undertaken PCV (Passenger Carrying Vehicles) Training and hold a PCV Licence– may need to be 21 in certain circumstances

Salary range: £14,000 to £25,000



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