

Commercial Driving Licences explained

Are you considering a career in driving, or looking to take the next step up in your career?

Get to know the basics as we explain what the various commercial driving licences are.

Category

B

Vehicle

Light Van up to 3.5 tonne: To be a Category B Van Driver, driving a light van (3.5 tonne) you just need a standard car licence.



Category

C1

Vehicle

LGV up to 7.5 tonne: To be a Category C1 LGV Driver, driving larger vans up to 7.5 tonne you will need a Category C1 licence.



Category

C

Vehicle

Rigid vehicle over 7.5 tonne with trailers up to 750kg: To be a Category C LGV/HGV* Class 2 Driver, driving rigid vehicles over 7.5 tonne you will need a Category C licence.**



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Category

C+E

Vehicle

Articulated vehicles over 7.5 tonne with trailers over 750kg: To be a Category C+E LGV/HGV Class 1 Driver, driving articulated vehicles over 7.5 tonne you will need a Category C+E licence.***



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* HGV is a redundant term but one people still use regularly.

** Rigid means that the trailer is fixed to the cab and does not move independently.

***Articulated means that the trailer is coupled to the cab, not fixed.

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