

Drivers with ‘acquired rights’

Having ‘acquired rights’ means that you did not have to take the Driver CPC initial qualification because of your existing driving experience.

You have acquired rights if you got your vocational licence before the dates shown in the table.

Type of vehicle	Vehicle categories included	When you got your vocational licence
Lorry	C, C1, C+E and C1+E	Before 10 September 2009
Bus or coach	D, D1, D+E, D1+E	Before 10 September 2008
Bus or coach (not for hire or reward)	D(101)	After 1991
Minibus (not for hire or reward)	D1(101)	Before 1997

Training deadlines for drivers with acquired rights

You still need to take periodic training, but there are set deadlines.

Training block	Lorry driver	Bus or coach driver	Dual-category driver (lorry, bus and coach)
First block of training	9 September 2014	9 September 2013	9 September 2013
Second block training	9 September 2019	9 September 2018	9 September 2019*
Third block training	9 September 2024	9 September 2023	9 September 2024

*You have 6 years to do your second block of training if you have acquired rights for both lorries and buses and finished your first block of training by 9 September 2013.