

The International Perspective

The Education of Instructors, Driver Training and Driver Testing in Europe

The Education of Driving Instructors & Driver Training in the UK

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Learner drivers

- Theory Test & Practical Test

- Training

Driving Instructors

- Qualifying Exam

- Training

Simulator

- Research into effects of hazard perception training on road safety

Learner Drivers

Theory Test – 2 parts

Multiple choice questions

PC

35 items

Pass mark 30/35

Hazard Perception element

PC video material

Developing hazard

14 clips; 15 hazards

Pass mark 44/75

Learner Drivers

Practical Test

17 years old

Must pass within two years of obtaining Theory pass

35 minutes

Vehicle Safety Check Questions

Eyesight test

2 manoeuvres

Optional Emergency Stop

15 driver errors, no serious or dangerous to pass

Learner Drivers

Driver training

No legislation, however advisory to take professional tuition

DSA recommend 45 hours of professional tuition and 20 hours of private practice

Lessons cost around £23 per hour

Private practice – at least 21 with full licence for 3 years

Driving Instructors

Qualifying Exam

DSA sets standards

Part 1 – Theory

Part 2 – Practical

Part 3 – Instructional

Post qualification

Register of Approved Driving Instructors

Renewed every four years

Quality checked every four years depending on grade

Continuing Professional Development

Driving Instructors

Training

No compulsion to take professional training

BSM training programme

Employed coaches

Assignments, car and classroom sessions, online support

Emphasis on self-responsibility – student takes ownership of their training

Eternal debate: do we train people to pass the exams, or do we train people to become driving instructors?

Examples

Training people to pass exams

Basics of knowledge, driving ability and instructional techniques.
Little opportunity to apply or transfer skills. Reliance on rote learning.

Followed up by CPD to acquire skills

Training people to be driving instructors

Takes longer possibly. Focuses on the 'big picture'. Follows same thinking as learners.

Followed up by CPD to develop skills

Simulator



Simulator

92 in retail outlets

Five hour programme

Automatic Pilot

Instructional Techniques

Video explanations

Levels of Instruction

Fault Correction

Feedback

Motorway lesson

Risk Awareness programme

Simulator

Research by Nottingham University into the effects of hazard perception training on road safety using the BSM simulator.

Research is over 3 years and in 4 stages:

Expert driver study – eye tracking

Local study

National study

Follow-up

Risk Awareness programme