

# Drivers urged to get training to tow trailers and caravans safely

News story

From today (18 May 2022), drivers in England, Scotland and Wales can take newly-accredited training to learn and improve the skills they need to safely tow.



The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is urging drivers who are planning to tow a trailer or caravan to take a training course before getting behind the wheel.

There are newly-accredited trainers running courses to suit every level of ability, including:

- towing for the first time
- returning to towing after a break
- towing larger trailers
- refreshing and formalising your skills if you already regularly tow

DVSA is recognising expert organisations who are approving the individual trainers joining the scheme. They must all follow the [learning to drive a car and trailer syllabus](#), which DVSA has developed with industry experts.

## Find an accredited trainer

You can take training that will teach you how to tow:

- large trailers
- small trailers (under 750kg MAM)
- specific types of trailers such as caravans or horse boxes

You can find a training provider or course by contacting one of these organisations:

- National Register of LGV Instructors

- Safe Towing Scheme
- Skills for Logistics

Check with the trainer to find out:

- what type of training they specialise in
- how much the training costs (trainers set their own prices)

## **Help to keep Great Britain's roads safe**

Baroness Vere, Minister for Roads, Buses and Places, said:

Towing safely is an important issue and I urge drivers to access the training to help keep Britain's roads safe.

The new accreditation scheme, will help them to get targeted training and improve their driving skills.

I want to thank the trailer training industry, stakeholders and our partners for their commitment and support in developing this training scheme over the last few months.

Mark Winn, DVSA's Chief Driving Examiner, said:

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we know many families will be looking to tow a trailer or caravan so it's vital you have the skills to do this safely.

We'd encourage anyone who plans to tow something, whether it's a caravan on holiday, or a trailer to the tip, to get training from an accredited provider. They will be able to make sure you have the skills and knowledge to keep everyone on Britain's roads safe.

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