

FREEWAY

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PASS PLUS

This is a short (minimum 6 hour) course designed to accelerate new drivers experience and explore topics that were previously unavailable. There are 6 modules to the training; Town (city) driving, Dual Carriageways, Motorways, Rural roads, Night driving and Extreme Weather Conditions. Routes are designed around pupil's specific needs but are usually broken into 2 x 3 hour sessions. There is no test, just an assessment with preset criteria that the pupil needs to either achieve or exceed. If certain areas need to be revisited this can be added on.

On the first we usually drive into London, using the motorway and practice joining and leaving and lane changing. Once in the city we drive around typical tourist hotspots often heavily congested, with multiple hazards and then into lesser-known areas. With the help of a map or GPS system, pupils need to find their way home again. This encourages the driver to look for signs and land marks and not to be reliant on the instructor giving directions which for many new drivers is all they have ever experienced.

The second session takes place in the evening to ensure coverage of the night driving session. Again the motorway is used, and also rural dual carriageways to go out into the countryside. Once there, the roads become narrow, hilly and full of bends testing the new drivers ability to negotiate changing road conditions quickly whilst retaining control of the vehicle. The driver must also be aware of typical features of a rural road and anticipate accordingly. The dark roads also provide opportunity to practice changing the lighting on the car to see and be seen effectively.

Many pupils combine their pass plus with a long journey they will soon need to do on a regular basis e.g. university or a commute to a new job. This can easily be accommodated and the course adapted accordingly.

The cost of a 6 hour course is £150 plus congestion charge where applicable and £25 for each additional hour if required.