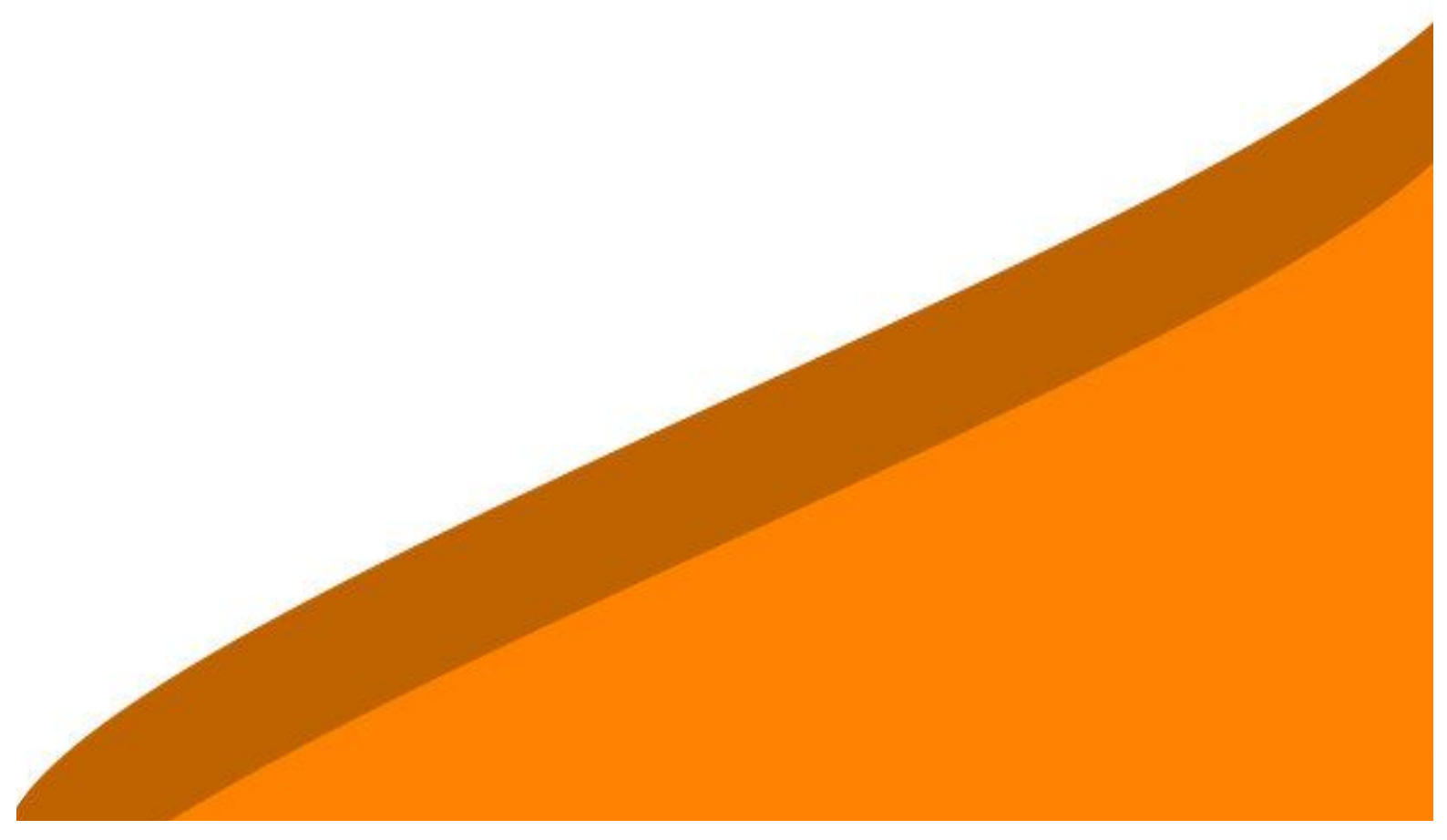




Driving **Instructor** Training Course



The qualities of an Instructor

This can be a tough job at times but also one of the most rewarding. You will be playing a part in maintaining the high standards of driving on our roads as well as helping young people achieve their independence. As well as this you will be responsible for running a business and comply with all the requirements of being self employed. The following is not an exhaustive list. You will need to be professional, a good communicator, a good planner, sympathetic, empathetic, patient, have good organisational skills, business sense, a good listener, proactive and excellent knowledge of driving rules and road procedures.

Minimum & Legal Requirements

You need to be at least 21 and to have held a full UK licence for at least 4 years.

You should not have been disqualified from driving in the past 4 years.

You should be able to read a new style number plate from 27.5 metres, with glasses or contact lenses if you need them. You should be a 'fit and proper' person according to the DVSA, this link will outline the requirements:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/approved-driving-instructor-adi-fit-and-proper-person-criteria

Responsibilities of an ADI

An ADI has a very important role to fulfill. This extends beyond teaching someone to drive a car; you will be responsible for instilling high standards of driving and behaviour into new drivers, many of whom are young and inexperienced. The job is very demanding but can also be extremely rewarding.

As an ADI you will be expected to demonstrate:

- a high regard for all aspects of road safety
- a high standard of driving and instructional ability
- a professional approach to your customers
- a responsible attitude to your pupils and profession
- that you are a fit and proper person

The Qualifying Examinations

ADI Part 1 Exam

This is essentially a test of your knowledge. This calls for a higher standard of knowledge than expected of a learner driver. It is split into 2 parts, a multiple choice section consisting of 100 questions and lasting for 90 minutes, and a hazard perception test consisting of 14 video clips. Both parts are taken in the same sitting. The pass mark for the Theory part is 85%. However you must reach a minimum mark of 80% in each of the four question bands the test is split into. The pass mark for the hazard perception part is 57 out of 75.

ADI Part 2 Exam

This is a test of your ability to drive to a very high standard for a longer period of time than the standard Learner test. It lasts for an hour and you will be asked to complete all the reversing manoeuvres. You can not commit more than 6 driving faults in this time.

ADI Part 3 Exam

This is a test of your ability to give instruction to a pupil. The pass mark is 31 out of 51. You will be giving a real lesson to a real pupil, with an examiner observing and assessing you under 17 competencies around Lesson Planning, Risk Management and Teaching & Learning Strategies.

Timescale, Course Structure & Cost

About the course and Tri Coaching Partnership

DRiVE Cornwall is proud to have teamed with Tri Coaching Partnership, who have created undoubtedly the best instructor training course on the market. Tri Coaching are a leading specialist in training solutions for qualified and trainee driver trainers. We have worked with them for many years and would recommend their courses as part of your continued professional development after you qualify. We are fully licenced to use their course and one of very few locally that are.

The reason why the TCIT course is one of the best in the industry is its a learning based, client centred course that teaches people to become instructors, not just to pass the qualifying examinations. It is already positioned to meet the requirements of the new Part 3 exam due in early 2018. It is a fully intergrated structured course that includes online resources, books and in car coaching sessions.

On starting your course you will receive a TCIT course book, access to the online videos and resource pack including all your self study books and access code to the online theory study.

How long does it take to train and qualify?

There are a few factors that influence the amount of time it takes to train and qualify as an ADI. The first is your current job and commitments which may dictate how much free time you have to dedicate to your training.

The In car training sessions are 3 hours long and include a short comfort break. You will have approximately 15 in car sessions if your purchasing the full course. So if you could commit to a training session each week it will take 4 months to train. Remember you will also need to factor in time for self study at home. Another thing to consider is test waiting times which can be upto 8 weeks for a Part 2 or 3 examination.

How much will it cost me to train?

DRiVE Cornwall is pleased to be offer training on a Pay As You Go basis, as well as the option to pay for the full course upfront if this is a better option.

OPTION 1

The full course cost which includes all your in-car coaching sessions, course book, online videos and resource pack is retailed by Tri Coaching themselves at £3,300. We are please to offer at a hugely discounted price of **£1,995**. This can be payed in 3 equal monthly payments of £665.

OPTION 2

You can also choose to train on a Pay as you go basis. The upfront cost for this is **£600**, which is to cover the all the training resources and online videos. As and when needed and required you can book an in-car coaching session at a cost of **£120** each.

You will also need to budget for the following fees which are not included in the course as they are payable separately to the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA

ADI Part 1 Exam cost £81

ADI Part 2 Exam cost £111

ADI Part 3 Exam cost £111 ADI Registration on qualifying £300

Qualifying Process

To legally charge for driving instruction you will need to join the register for Approved Driving Instructors. You will need to have passed all 3 parts of the ADI examination.

Step 1 Apply for your CRB check at www.gov.uk/criminal-record-check-become-driving-instructor

Step 2 Apply to start the qualifying process at www.gov.uk/apply-to-become-a-driving-instructor

Step 3 Start studying though your TCIT course book. Unlike so many other instructor training courses you will not be studying for each part of the ADI exam separately and passing each one before the next stage. The training for all three parts runs right through all 13 modules of the course and your trainee will help advise you when you are ready for each exam.

Step 4 Pass Parts 2 &3 parts of the examination before 2 years since passing Part 1.

Step 5 Apply to join the register of Approved Driving Instructors within 2 years of passing Part 3.

Step 6 Recieve your green ADI badge and start teaching! You may consider at this point whether to set up your own school or work with DRiVE as one of our partner instructors.

Next step...

Decided this maybe the career for you? Or would like to find out more?

Give me a call on 07960 201908 and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Alternatively you may wish to meet up for an informal chat to find out more about the career.

This document just gives a very brief outline of the job and its requirements. It is important to not rush into any decision and make sure you have all the information you need. I would be happy to discuss in further depth about the qualifying exams and pass rates, realistic earnings, running a driving school business , my personal experiences relating to running a driving school and much more!

Look forward to hearing from you

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