



C1 Information and Top Tips

What is a C1 licence?

- The C1 licence is an additional part to your manual Cat B licence. It allows you to drive ambulances and other vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes with a trailer up to 750kg. If you passed your Cat B driving test after January 1997, you will not automatically have a C1 on your licence
- In order to obtain a C1 licence you need to be 18 years or above and be able to read a new style number plate from 20 metres away (using glasses, if necessary)



How do I apply for a C1 provisional?

- On the GOV.uk website - <https://www.gov.uk/adding-higher-categories-to-your-driving-licence>
- In order to apply you need to have a (category B) licence. If you hold an EU licence, you will need to complete a D9 Form and obtain a UK licence with C1 provisional entitlement
- You will need to order D2 and D4 forms from the DVLA - <https://forms.dft.gov.uk/order-dvla-forms/>. The D4 form has to be filled in by a doctor. This can either be your GP but an optician might need to fill in the section about your eyesight **OR** you can go with a private firm specialising in driver's medical exams. Sometimes it is worth shopping around for prices as it may vary from as little as £60 to £120.

What information do I need to book my theory test?

There are two parts to the theory test; multiple choice and hazard perception.

- Once you have obtained your C1 provisional licence, you can book your HGV theory (module A) and Hazard perception test (module B) test
- **The multiple-choice** test is about HGV driving and all that goes with it, this includes animal transport and airlines and anything that is associated with Heavy Goods Vehicles (You do not need your driver CPC). You will have to answer 100 multiple-choice questions and achieve a minimum of 85 correct answers. Essential reading would be the "Highway Code", DVSA "Driving goods vehicles manual" and "The official theory test for large goods vehicles"
- **The hazard perception** test you will watch 19 video clips and need to score a minimum of 67 out of 100. There are a lot programmes available online to practice, we would recommend using "theory test pro" which offers questions and hazard perception clips.

"We would strongly advise you to revise as much as possible whilst waiting for your C1 provisional licence to be returned from the DVLA to help improve your chances of passing your theory test first time"

What information do I need to book my practical test?

Your **practical test** will last around 1 hour and 30 minutes and you will be assessed on:





- vehicle safety questions
- practical road driving
- off-road exercises
- How the test works
- Your practical test will last about 1 hour and 30 minutes and includes:
- vehicle safety questions
- practical road driving
- off-road exercises
- Vehicle safety questions
- These can be found online
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lorry-and-bus-show-me-tell-me-vehicle-safety-questions/lorry-and-bus-show-me-tell-me-vehicle-safety-questions>
- Practical road driving
- During your practical road driving, the examiner will see how you:
- use the vehicle controls
- move away at an angle, uphill and downhill
- do a controlled stop
- use the mirrors
- give appropriate signals
- show awareness and anticipation of other road users' intentions
- manage your progress and control your vehicle speed
- deal with hazards
- select a safe place to stop

There will also be 10 minutes of independent driving, designed to test your ability to drive safely while making independent decisions.

Off-road exercises

The off-road exercises will include:

- an 'S' shaped reverse into a bay
- showing the uncoupling and recoupling procedure if you're taking a test with a trailer

During the test

- You can carry on if you make a mistake during your driving test
- If you make a mistake which means you've failed, your driving examiner will direct you back to the driving test centre and will end the test early

Test result

- After you've taken the practical test your examiner will tell you if you've passed and explain how you did
- You'll pass your test if you make: 15 or fewer driving faults and no serious or dangerous faults.

