

Pass / Fail Criteria

Any driver who fails the assessment drive can carry on and complete the theory session and theory test but will not be able to complete the MiDAS course until they have attended a Driving Skills Training Session on a separate day and also retaken the MiDAS Assessment Drive. Drivers will fail the assessment drives on the following basis.

- Commit a major fault
- Consistently commit any minor fault (3 attempts to correct)
- Fail to conform to the style of driving set out by MiDAS
- Drive in a way which would cause passenger discomfort
- Do not satisfactorily complete a reverse manoeuvre after 3 attempts.

Who do I contact for further information?

If you would like further information on MiDAS training please call us on the number below

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Further information is available from our website.

www.uk-roadsafety.co.uk

Click on the Quick Menu Selection then on the MiDAS link.



Pre Programme Requirements

Please ensure that your organisation and all drivers comply with the following prior to attending the MiDAS Training Course

- Vehicle to be used for training must be fully roadworthy, the trainer is not permitted to train anyone in an unroadworthy vehicle.
- Each driver must be able to read a number plate at 20m or 20.5m depending on the size of the number plate being read.
- Drivers must be at least 21 years of age, unless they hold a passenger carrying vehicle (PCV) licence.
- Drivers must hold a full (not provisional) current driving licence
- Drivers who passed their driving test on or after 1st January 1997 must comply with the following
 1. The minibus is used for *social purposes* by a *non commercial body*
 2. The driver is aged 21 years or over
 3. The driver has held a full car licence for at least two years
 4. The driver is providing his or her services on a *voluntary* basis
 5. The vehicle has a maximum weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes excluding any *specialist equipment* for the carriage of disabled people **or** 4.25 tonnes including any specialist equipment
 6. No trailer is being towed.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has said that it does not intend to define the terms set out in italics above.

- For drivers who passed their test before the 1st January 1997, they can continue to drive minibuses with up to 16 passenger seats in the UK operating on a non-commercial basis.

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What is the MiDAS Scheme ?

MiDAS is the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme, which promotes a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers. It is a membership based scheme that has been designed to enhance minibus driving standards and promote the safer operation of minibuses.

Who is it aimed at ?

MiDAS is applicable to any organisation operating or using minibuses. Member organisations range from small voluntary organisations operating one vehicle, to local authorities operating large fleets of minibuses as well as schools, colleges and universities.

What MiDAS offers you.

You and your passengers will be aware that your driving competence has been assessed to a common country-wide standard. As an employer you will have fulfilled your duty of care to your drivers by giving them a nationally recognised standard of training.

How MiDAS will affect you.

Before an assessment of your driving ability takes place, you will be asked to:

- Complete and sign a driver registration form
- Produce your driving licence
- Undertake a simple eyesight check

The Assessment, will normally last one hour and will include:

- A demonstration drive by the Driver Assessor/Trainer (DAT)
- The opportunity for you to drive under supervision in order to receive on road vehicle familiarisation
- An assessment of your driving skills

After a successful assessment, you will be given:

- Basic training by your DAT in the skills and information you need when driving minibuses
- Additional training if you drive an accessible vehicle (wheelchair use)

If you fail the assessment, your organisation may decide to provide you with additional training to bring your driving skills up to the MiDAS standard.

After your assessment and training and passing the theory assessment, you will receive:

- A MiDAS certificate, which enables you to drive the minibuses of other MiDAS organisations without the need to be re-assessed.

After 4 years:

- You will be asked to attend a refresher training session

Is a minibus provided ?

No. We come to you and to keep everything as easy as possible we will use your minibus for the training day, this way your drivers will already be familiar with the vehicle. Training is normally carried out 3 drivers to 1 trainer.

How long does the course last ?

The course lasts one full day, see the outline programme of the course. Whilst MiDAS have a preferred format for running the course it is not set in stone and can be varied to allow for minibus availability. The programme will normally start at 9.30am and end at around 5pm, however we are able to start earlier or later to fit in with your requirements. In short the whole course is very flexible to fit in with you.

Who are the instructors ?

The instructors are all fully qualified ADIs who are also on the Fleet Register of Driving Instructors and have attended and passed the Community Transport Association MiDAS Driver Assessor Trainers course to enable them to train your drivers in best practice for driving your minibuses.

Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme

OUTLINE PROGRAMME OF THE COURSE

Morning Session

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| 09:00 –12:00 | Morning session covering theory (PowerPoint presentation) |
| 12:00 -12:25 | Theory exam |
| 12:25 -12:30 | Theory test marking. |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | Lunch |

Afternoon Session

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| 13:00 -14:10 | Driver 1 Assessment |
| 14:15 - 15:25 | Driver 2 Assessment |
| 15:30 - 16:40 | Driver 3 Assessment |
| 16:40 - 17:00 | Client evaluation and course close |

* timings and format are flexible to suit your requirements