

MiDAS Information & Eligibility Sheet

Please read the following information to ensure that you are eligible to undertake the MiDAS course and drive Minibuses. Please contact Angela Kent on 0191-5182633 for further information.

- You must have the D1 category on your licence to drive a minibus.
- If you passed your test before December 31st 1996 you should automatically have this, (if you have a new photo card licence please check that it has been re-issued).
- You will find your category entitlements at the bottom of the card or on the paper part.

Please answer the following question:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did you pass your driving test before December 31st, 1996?	
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If you have ticked yes to the above question, you should have the D1 entitlement unless you have had the D1 removed for any reason i.e. medical reasons. Please check your licence.

If you have passed your driving test after the above date, you will not have D1 entitlement but you may still drive if you answer yes to all the questions below:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You have held your licence for 2 or more years	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are aged 21 - 70 (if over 70 you must take a medical)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are providing your services on a voluntary basis only (not as part of your paid employment even if out of normal office hours, at weekends or while on paid leave)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You do not tow a trailer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The vehicle weighs <3500 kgs or <4250 kgs if fitted with wheelchair lift.	

The assessment will last approximately 4 - 5 hours depending on driving experience. It consists of a multiple choice theory paper (you will be given a handbook which will aid you with the answers) and an on-road driving assessment. If you pass both parts you will be awarded a nationally recognised certificate which lasts 4 years after which you will need to re-take an assessment.

If you choose to undertake the training, please bring your current driving licence with you to the assessment - both parts if it is the new photo card type.