

## General Information

The Emergency Response Driver (LV) Course is designed to teach selected firefighters, employed on the MOD Estate, the skills necessary to safely drive a Cat B Light Vehicle. It builds on the skills acquired during Cat B training and consists of 2 parts:

- Part 1 – Pre Course Training
- Part 2 – Formal Training

## Part 1 – Pre Course Training

All students who attend the ERD Course must be fully conversant with the Highway Code and 'Roadcraft' – The Police Drivers handbook. Copies of 'Roadcraft' and the Highway Code should be held on Unit.

In order to measure your underpinning knowledge, you will be required to pass a Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Theory Test Paper (pass mark 43/50) which is based on the Highway Code along with the DVSA Hazard Perception Test, which has 14 clips with a pass mark of 44 out of a possible 75, on the first day of your course. Failure to pass either of the DVSA Tests will result in a retest on Tuesday morning; failure to pass this retest will result in you being returned to your Station. If you can provide satisfactory written evidence that these tests, **or equivalent UK Matrix Tests**, have been carried out within the 6 months prior to the course start date then this would exempt you from the tests on day 1 of the course. The evidence needs to be proven through either the DVSA, DST Leconfield, MT Section, Education Department or Fire Station Manager.

## Study Procedure

You should choose a method of study which suits you, however, whichever study method you choose, we would recommend that you spend no more than 40 minutes working then take a 15 minute break. All the knowledge required to successfully complete the theory examination is contained within the Highway Code and 'Roadcraft'.

**Students must ensure that they are fully conversant with both of the DVSA tests prior to attending DFTDC – there is not time in the programme to carry out practice tests**

**Part 2 - Formal Training**

Part 2 of the course consists of 5 days training (normally spread over 1 week) which reflects the National Occupational Standards and currently covers:

- Road Traffic Law and Regulations
- Observation
- System of vehicle control
- Vehicle handling and positioning
- Driving at speed and 'Blue Light' driving
- Student formative assessment
- Student Blue Light summative assessment

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This includes Defence Fire Risk Management Organisation and Contract Fire Service personnel

**Course Programme**

A copy of the ERD Course programme is provided on this site.

**Course Documentation**

You are required to bring the following documentation:

- Civilian Driving Licence (see DVSA online form INF5D page 3 "Check Someone's Driving Licence Information"). This will give you a check code.
- Record of Driving Hours
- FMT 600
- DFRS Form 210 for civilian employees

**Further Information**

In addition to this document you should refer to:

- DFTDC Information – General Information, Location Map and Contacts
- General Information – Course Information, MT Regulations (JSP 800) and MT Orders
- Forms – DFRS Forms 221 and 222