

Instructor Guidance

Training Skills, Knowledge and Experience for
Dangerous Goods Driver Training (DGDT)

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Introduction

This guidance sets out the details that training providers need for each instructor that is nominated to deliver a DGDT course programme, as part of the application process.

The centre must provide evidence to show the instructor holds appropriate:

1. Training skills
2. Knowledge
3. Experience

Prior authorisation must be sought before a new instructor is permitted to deliver DGDT or an existing instructor is permitted to deliver additional classes and/or for another training provider.

The following pages provide examples of evidence that demonstrate the necessary requirements against each of the criterion.

Instructor Requirements

Evidence Type	Qualification
Training Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTTLS) now CET • Diploma in education and Training (DTTLS) now DET at least level 3 • Level 3 or above in education and Training • Level 3 or above in Training and Development • Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning (PTTLS) now AET at least Level 3 • Class 1 instructor's course • Experience of delivering training courses for adults on job related topics (Appendix A)
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must hold a current ADR Driver Training Certificate, covering the classes/modules to be delivered.
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current DGSA certificate and experience in a DGSA role. • CV providing full details of practical dangerous goods experience including compliance, decision-making, or operational processes. • Experience of the transport of the dangerous substances for which training is to be conducted either in a managerial/supervisory capacity or a driver/operative. • Evidence of an ADR Instructor course recognised by DVSA/HSENI. • Development plan demonstrating completion of an internal mentorship and/or shadowing programme of at least three months, delivered by an approved DGDT instructor with a minimum of two years' experience.
	<p>This is also required for Class 1 (Explosives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of experience in transporting explosives in a managerial or supervisory role, or as a driver/operator.
	<p>This is also required for Class 7 (Radioactive):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of experience in transporting radioactive materials.
Practical Exercise (Fire Fighting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must hold a Fire Officer Training Certificate from either Fire Service, Armed Forces, or Extinguisher Manufacturer or equivalent. Please note on-line training is not acceptable.
Practical Exercise (First Aid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current First Aid at Work Certificate • Current MOD First Aid Qualification • Registered General Nurse • Paramedic <p><i>NB: Refresher First Aid at Work Certificate (minimum 2-day requalification First Aid at Work course)</i></p>

Appendix A - Instructor Evidence Template

This table should be used for each instructor delivering a Dangerous Goods Driver Training (DGD) course programme. Please provide sufficient detail to demonstrate the instructor's ability to deliver the modules listed below.

Instructor Details	
Name	
Instructor Number (if applicable)	

Modules	
<i>Please tick those modules that you would like the instructor to deliver for you:</i>	
Core (including practical exercises)	
Packages	
Classes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9	
Tanks	
Class 1	
Class 7	

Training Skills - Qualifications

*Details of training qualifications/certificates held, including expiry date: **and** experience in the transport of dangerous substances in a managerial/supervisory capacity or as a driver/operative:*

Training Skills Experience

If the instructor does not hold a formal qualification, please provide details of training skills and experience:

Class 1 (Explosives)

In addition to minimum instructor requirements above, details of qualifications/certificates held including expiry date, and experience in the transport of explosives in a managerial/supervisory capacity or as a Driver/Operative:

Class 7 (Radioactive)

In addition to requirements above, details of qualifications/certificates held including expiry date, specific to radioactive material and Operational experience in the transport of radioactive materials: