

PART FOUR - THEORY EXAMINATION

As a professional Driver CPC instructor, knowledge of all aspects of the subject is critical. As part of the NRI examination, candidate knowledge on a range of issues relating to LGV and PCV driving and classroom training will be tested during a 70 multiple-choice-question examination lasting 75 minutes.

Two examination papers will be available, one for PCV and one for LGV. Each paper will contain questions that are relevant to both PCV and LGV instruction and questions that are specific to either PCV or LGV.

To prepare for the theory examination candidates should ensure that they refresh their knowledge in the following areas.

The areas where questions will be specific to LGV OR PCV are shown in Yellow.

Classroom Instructional Techniques (10 questions)

- Lesson planning
- Classroom demonstrations
- Instruction techniques
- Driver CPC instructor-trainee relationship
- Vocabulary and phraseology

Driving Legislation (25 questions)

- Driver records
- **Accident/incident procedures**
- **Speed limits**
- Drink driving
- Drug driving
- Medical fitness
- Eyesight requirements
- **Driver licensing**
- Graduated fixed penalties and enforcement
- **Load safety**
- **Vehicle safety/roadworthiness**
- **Insurance**
- **Stowaways (clandestine entrants)**
- **Audible warning devices**

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Highway Code (25 questions)

- Pedestrian crossings
- Road markings and signs
- Reversing
- Traffic signals
- Adverse weather
- **Motorway driving**
- Stopping distances
- **Parking**
- Observation
- Vehicle breakdowns
- Signals
- Rights of way
- Vehicle controls
- Road procedures
- Rail crossings
- **Load Safety**

Eco-safe Driving (10 questions)

- Vehicle fault identification
- Vulnerable road users
- Headroom
- Vehicle loading
- Driving behaviour
- Braking
- Driver wellbeing
- Road procedures
- Fuel efficiency
- Aerodynamics

It is recommended that the following books and documents form part of the revision for this examination:

- *The Official DVSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles*
- *The Official DVSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches*
- *The Official DVSA Theory Test for Drivers of Large Vehicles*
- *Driver CPC - the official DVSA guide for professional bus and coach drivers*
- *Driver CPC - the official DVSA guide for professional goods vehicle drivers*
- *DVSA National Standard for Driving Lorries (Category C)*
- *DVSA National Standard for Driving Buses and Coaches (Category D)*
- *The Official Highway Code*
- *GV262: Drivers' Hours and Tachograph Rules – Goods Vehicles*

