



## Vocational Driver Staging Q & A

### 1. What is changing?

From 15 November 2021, drivers will also be able to choose to take a lorry or bus/coach trailer test without having to take a test in the rigid vehicle first.

Drivers will still need to hold the relevant provisional trailer entitlement.

Changes to driver licensing processes have been made to provide extra provisional entitlements over and above those currently issued. The entitlements provided will depend on the specific entitlement held or applied for as detailed below:

- a) Drivers with a provisional lorry or bus/coach entitlement issued *after* 15 November will have the extra provisional entitlement added to their record automatically. These can be checked at (<https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence>)
- b) Drivers with a provisional lorry or bus/coach entitlement, issued *before* 15 November that require these extra provisional entitlements will need to apply to DVLA by emailing their full name, date of birth and driving licence number to [Extraprovisional@dvla.gov.uk](mailto:Extraprovisional@dvla.gov.uk) and these drivers will be issued with confirmation of their entitlements to allow them to learn and sit their test.

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Without these, the examiner will be unable to confirm that you have applied to DVLA, and your test will not be able to go ahead.

Applying to this application email address, will be taken as a declaration there has been no change to your medical circumstances, residency or history of road traffic or other offences. If there has been any change, drivers will need to apply through the normal process and provide relevant details on the D2 and D4 application forms.

For more information on this change click here:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/changes-to-hgv-and-bus/coach-driving-tests-from-autumn-2021](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/changes-to-hgv-and-bus/coach-driving-tests-from-autumn-2021)

<https://www.gov.uk/adding-higher-categories-to-your-driving-licence> \*

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2. I have provisional lorry and/or bus/coach entitlement predating 15 November 2021, what provisional categories will I be entitled to after applying through the email process?

Provisional lorry or bus/coach entitlement held before 15 November	Provisional lorry or bus/coach entitlement held after email confirmation received
C1	C1
C1+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E
C	C1, C1+E, C, C+E
C+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E
D1	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E
D1+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E
D	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E
D+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E

3. I have provisional lorry and/or bus/coach entitlement issued since 15 November, what provisional categories will I be given?

Provisional lorry or bus/coach entitlement applied for after 15 November	Provisional lorry or bus/coach entitlement given
*C1	C1
*C1+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E
*C	C1, C1+E, C, C+E
C+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E
*D1	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E
D1+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E
*D	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E
D+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E

\*The highlighted categories are currently the only options provided on the D2 application form.

4. I have full lorry and/or bus/coach entitlement, what provisional categories will I be entitled to?

Full Vocational Entitlement held	Provisional Vocational Entitlement held after test pass
C1	C1
C1+E	C, C+E
C	C1+E, C+E
D1	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1+E, D, D+E
D1+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D, D+E
D	C1, C1+E, C, C+E, D1+E, D+E
D+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E

5. Can I still go through the staging process if I want to?

Yes, you will still be able to follow the staging process if, you choose to do so.

6. Are the police/insurance/haulage companies aware of this change?

Police, insurance, and freight industry have been made aware of the change.

7. Where will I be able to get further information from?

Further information and how it will affect you and any action you need to take is shown on the links below:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/changes-to-hgv-and-bus/coach-driving-tests-from-autumn-2021#upgrade-provisional-licence](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/changes-to-hgv-and-bus/coach-driving-tests-from-autumn-2021#upgrade-provisional-licence)

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8. Will application forms change?

Consideration is being given to changes to application forms and information leaflets to reflect the new arrangements. Dates for any changes have not been confirmed yet.

9. Will there be a fee for this change?

No, there is no fee required.

10. Will the age requirements for holding lorry and bus/coach entitlements be changing?

No, you will still need to meet the current minimum age requirements.

11. How will I prove I have the additional entitlements if they do not appear on my licence record?

Communications have been issued to enforcement and other relevant bodies to confirm the additional entitlements that you hold.

Drivers will be able to book a lorry or bus/coach driving test in one of these extra categories without the additional entitlements immediately showing on the licence record. Please see Answer 1 for more information.

12. Are there any changes to medical or conduct standards for Lorry and Bus/coach?

No, the same medical and conduct standards apply.

13. I've got a full car licence now; will I have these additional entitlements?

No, you will need to apply as usual using a D2 and D4.

14. I have passed a lorry/bus/coach test, what categories will I be given?

Vocational Test Pass Category	Full Vocational Entitlements following Test Pass
C1	C1
C1+E	C1, C1+E
C	C1, C
C+E	C1, C1+E, C, C+E
D1	D1
D1+E	D1, D1+E
D	D1, D
D+E	D1, D1+E, D, D+E

15. If I take a test without following staging rules will I be able to exchange my entitlements in the EU.

You will need to check with the driver licensing authority of that Member State.

16. I am an EU licence holder do I still need to register my HGV/PCV entitlement?

The process will remain the same you will still need to complete the D9 application process.

17. I've registered my community licence through the D9 application process **before** 15 November, can I get additional entitlements?

Drivers who registered before 15 November and were issued with a provisional entitlement can apply to get extra provisional entitlements by emailing their full name, date of birth and driving licence number to [Extraprovisional@dvla.gov.uk](mailto:Extraprovisional@dvla.gov.uk) and these drivers will be issued with confirmation of their entitlements to allow them to learn and sit their test.

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18. I registered my community licence **after** the 15 November will I have all the additional provisional entitlements?

Yes, you will have extra provisional entitlements based on your existing entitlement.

19. Will these lorry and bus/coach entitlements be recognised to use while driving abroad as a visitor?

You should be able to drive abroad as a visitor; for further information please see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/carry-out-international-road-haulage>

20. I have some questions about vocational driver training and testing, who should I contact?

For guidance around training requirements and testing you should contact DVSA; please see link below for further information:

[DVSA's guidance on GOV.UK.](#)