

The Benefits of MiDAS Training...

MiDAS brings a wide range of benefits which include:

- Enhanced passenger safety and improved passenger comfort
- Potential savings in insurance and running costs
- A single recognisable certificate to ensure high standards of driving
- Nationally recognised standard

What does the course cover?

- Defensive driving
- Drivers' legal responsibilities
- Passenger safety
- Health and safety awareness
- Manual handling awareness
- Personal safety for drivers
- Collision and breakdown procedures.

Drivers also undergo an extensive, on-the-road assessment of their driving skills and a written (multiple choice) theory assessment and road signs test.

The Driving Assessor / Trainer will also review the driving licence of those attending the course to ensure that the individual is legally entitled to drive a minibus.

Ready to book?

Would you like further information?

For details of forthcoming training dates, frequently asked questions, booking forms and charges please visit

www.midastraining.info

or call **0117 902 0160**

Those completing the course and passing the driving assessment will receive a MiDAS Certificate.

Those driving a minibus as part of their paid work require category D1 on their driving licence. This course does **not** lead to category D1 being added to the driving licence.

Also available from BCT...

- Minibus Hire (with or without driver)
- Passenger Assistant Training
- Car Hire (Bristol Car Club)
- Minibus Fleet Management
- Community Bus Services
- Transport Contracts
- Events Transport Service



We also provide training for Passenger Assistants under the Passenger Assistant Awareness Scheme (PATS). We also have a range of other relevant training courses and can develop a course tailored to your requirements if necessary. Please contact us for details.



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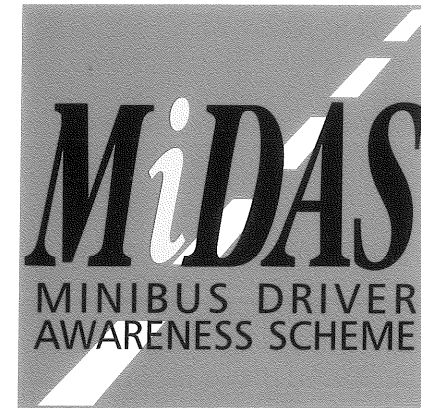
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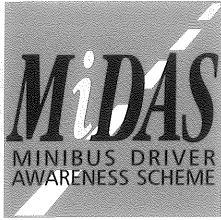
Minibus Driver Training



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MiDAS is the award winning *Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme*, organised by the Community Transport Association. MiDAS is a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers. The scheme is designed to enhance driving standards and promote the safe operation of minibuses.

BCT has been providing training/assessment for minibus drivers for over 25 years. We have a team of experienced Driving Assessor / Trainers (DATs) who use their years of minibus driving experience to enhance and supplement the comprehensive MiDAS training materials. We currently train over 300 people a year in minibus driving.

Each course is presented in a practical, friendly manner with the Driving Assessor / Trainers able to respond to the specific needs of each person on the course. The theory sessions are complimented by watching relevant videos. The course also includes the practical emergency evacuation of a smoke-filled minibus, as well as practical examples of how to check a minibus for road worthiness etc.

BCT is able to draw on their 25 years of experience of operating a fleet of minibuses to help ensure that the training is delivered in an effective and professional manner, and that it meets the needs of the course delegates. Our standards are unstinting; a MiDAS Certificate is only awarded to those reaching the required high standards. Further training and assessment is offered to anyone unable to initially reach the required standard.

Module One Standard Certificate

- Training in the skills required to drive a minibus
- A thorough knowledge of the legal responsibilities of a minibus driver and duty of care
- Department for Transport codes of practice in safe carriage of passengers
- Good practice in passenger comfort
- Health and Safety at work for Drivers
- Manoeuvring of vehicles
- Defensive Driving techniques
- Information on BCT hire policies and procedures
- Minibus Fire and Evacuation

At the end of this session, candidates sit a written test paper, consisting of 20 questions, the answers to which will be contained in the training session, and in the minibus drivers handbook provided to each candidate.

Each candidate undertakes a 1½ hour on-the-road driving assessment. The assessment route takes in to consideration a wide range of road conditions. The Assessor provides feedback and advice to the candidate during the drive.

Module Two Accessible Certificate (Optional)



This module is for those carrying wheelchair users, and so those needing knowledge and experience of using passenger lifts and securing wheelchairs etc.

The module is offered as a FREE addition to Module One.

- Group discussion after viewing a training related film
- Safe use of ramps and tail lifts
- Wheelchair and passenger restraint equipment
- Department for Transport codes of practice on safe carriage of passengers in wheelchairs
- Good practice on passenger assistance
- Information on disability, carrying children and professional etiquette

At the end of this session, candidates sit a further written exam paper, consisting of ten questions, of which eight must be answered correctly.

This module is compulsory for those wanting to carry wheelchair users in a BCT minibus.

Course Location...

Courses are normally run at our Training Facility at Easton Road, Easton, Bristol. We can, however, travel to other suitable venues to run the course. We can also provide training on a one-to-one basis if required. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Vehicle...

The course fee includes **FREE** use of one of the BCT minibuses for the driving assessment.

Candidates will all receive...

- Comprehensive MiDAS Minibus Driver Handbook
- Highway Code booklet
- High Visibility Jacket (with "Minibus Driver" printed on the back)
- Leaflets and relevant publications from Department for Transport etc

Those completing the course and passing the driving assessment will also receive...

- MiDAS Certificate (valid for 4 years)
- Photo ID Card

MiDAS has a four-year refresher cycle, drivers must attend refresher training (including on-the-road driving assessment) every four years in order to retain their entitlement. This means that driving knowledge and skills are maintained and assessed on an on-going basis. All those that drive BCT minibuses are required to hold a MiDAS qualification. Many other organisations recognise the importance of the MiDAS qualification and also require their minibus drivers to hold a current MiDAS certificate.

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MiDAS training is also available on a one-to-one basis - on a date to suit you, at a location to suit you.
Contact us for details.

The course content may be changed to reflect changes to the MiDAS scheme or for other reasons.