

AA Driving Instructor Training

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Becoming a Driving Instructor



A career where you take the controls

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Why choose us?

Thank you for considering the Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) course from the AA, one of Britain's most experienced motoring organisations. You've come to the right place. With over 100 years of motoring experience, the AA has a pedigree of dependability and trust.

Our high calibre training has been recognised as we are a member of ORDIT who are the government body responsible for maintaining training standards within the industry.

We are the market leader in driving instructor training and have an exciting and innovative online learning system for you to use. We are committed to supporting you throughout your training and evolving development.

Our online learning is interactive, engaging, fun and exciting. It is accessible on your PC or laptop. It can also be accessed from any computer, anywhere you are, if you do not have internet access at home or for a period of time. For more information on what the three parts of your training will involve please refer to page 5.

Whilst we recognise the importance of the DSA exams we are also extremely committed to developing your skills to enable you to run a successful and profitable AA Driving School Franchise. We aim to achieve this with our unique approach to your learning and development.

Our unique online system is supported with in car 1:1 training and optional 1:2 support with your own in-car Buddy should you require it. Plus business skills workshops at various locations around the country, which are designed to develop your business and teaching skills.



Bespoke learning unique to you

Our training is bespoke as we recognise that 'one size does not fit all' and that everyone needs to learn at their own pace and in their own way. Our highly qualified Trainers will support and guide you every step of the way to enable you to make the right decision about your future and to fulfil your exciting new career.

We believe that our Driving Instructor Trainers are the best in the business. They work as part of a premium brand that is recognised for its high standards and the quality of the service it consistently delivers.

All of our trainers are ORDIT registered which means that their skills are assessed every two years by the Driving Standards Agency (DSA). In addition to this our trainers have access to a team of highly trained in-house Mentors who are on hand to coach and support them on an ongoing basis. Our future Driving Instructors can be confident that they are in truly professional and expert hands.

With all of this expertise, knowledge and support you'll soon be on the road to a rewarding and worthwhile career.

There are many training providers, so why choose the AA?

Our emphasis is on developing you as an excellent driving instructor. At the AA, we are committed to helping you achieve this every step of the way.

You will receive local personalised in car 1:1 training with the same highly experienced trainer. You also have the option of 1:2 support with an in-car Buddy (where available) free of charge. Alongside in car teaching you will develop your knowledge and skills online through our easy to use interactive modules.

With our online learning you will be able to repeat exercises and bookmark them as you go. There are videos, quizzes, mock tests and visual exercises for you to test your knowledge. You'll receive instant results each time you use them.

You can use our online learning on your lap top or PC so you can learn anytime, anywhere.

You can also receive technical support for our online training should you require it. We don't stop there either, we also include technical, business, communication and coaching skill elements, all designed to help you run a successful AA Driving School franchise after you qualify.

New Online Learning System

At the AA we are ahead of our competitors as we are pioneering a new online learning system. This fresh and modern learning style means you can undertake your training anytime, anywhere allowing you to complete your training at a pace and location that fits in with the other commitments and demands of today's busy lifestyles. As a guide the course will take between 6 and 18 months to complete, depending on the time you can commit to.

Online learning supports all three parts of your driver instructor training and can be revisited as many times as you need.

In addition to access to the new online learning system you'll receive training workbooks and other supporting materials. You'll also receive 54 hours of 1:1 training with your own Driving Instructor and optional extra hours with a buddy (where available) if you need it.

Payment options

Our flexible payment options enable you to either pay as you learn, meaning you can pay for each module separately, or prepay for the full training course to take advantage of a generous saving. We also offer an interest free payment plan option to help you spread the cost of your training over time.*

To help you build your new business we will also discount the franchise fees by £1,500 in your first 6 months for instructors who trained with us if you take out an AA Franchise.

*Subject to credit check

What's involved?

To join any ADI course you need to have held a valid driving licence for at least 3½ years before you commence training and be over 21. Plus, you'll need to be able to read a new style number plate from 26.5m.

You'll need a commitment to learning and a desire to work with others, as being a driving instructor is very much a people-orientated job. That means keeping calm, maintaining control and generating trust with your pupils.

The ADI exams are in three parts:

1. Computer-based Theory and Hazard Perception tests
2. Practical Test of Driving Ability
3. Practical Test of Instructional Ability

You must pass each part before the next exam can be taken and qualification must be within two years of passing the first part.

Our online learning System

The latest technology available to support your learning offers:

- Flexible learning at your own pace through the interactive online course
- Refresher training throughout your journey to become a driving instructor
- Mock test to aid your theory knowledge
- Access to your personal learning plan which clearly shows all your course sessions
- Facility to download documents and related resources to support your development
- Links to DSA, DirectGov, Business Link and other related websites
- Access to industry and business news and information



Theory (Part 1)

Working at home and using the e-learning system and other supporting materials supplied by the AA you work through the course and arrange the test when you are ready. The test comprises of 100 multiple choice questions of which you need to get at least 85 right. You'll also need to achieve minimum marks of 80% in the following four subject areas:

- Road Procedure
- Traffic Signs and Signals
- Driving Test and Laws
- Instructional Techniques

Techniques

There is also a Hazard Perception test. You will be shown 14 video clips, each containing at least one developing hazard. You need to identify the hazards during the early part of their development.

You need to get 57 out of a maximum of 75 marks to pass.

This part of your training includes **2 hours of 1:1 training** with an AA driving instructor trainer.



Driving Ability (Part 2)

This module consists of practical driving sessions and is designed to bring your personal standard of driving up to the high level required by the DSA/DVTA. You will train with one of our qualified driving instructor trainers on a 1:1 basis, who will be local to your area. Your trainer will prepare you for a one hour practical test of your driving ability. This is an advanced driving test and a very high standard of competence is required. But don't worry as we'll provide all the support you need to get you through it.

Firstly you will be asked to complete an eyesight test and perform a check on the condition and safety of five components of the vehicle.

You must be able to demonstrate a high level of driving technique, anticipation and consideration of other road users. You will also need to undertake a number of manoeuvres. The Driving Ability element of this course comes with **12 hours of 1:1 training** and the opportunity to use an in-car Buddy (where available).

Instructional Ability (Part 3)

So far you will have shown you are a very good driver.

Now you'll need to demonstrate that you can teach others. The test for this final part consists of two half-hour driving lessons where the examiner acts as a pupil in a role-play situation. This follows in-car training with your instructor, of which there are **40 hours of 1:1 training** included in this element of the course. Plus if you need it extra 1:2 training with a Buddy (where available).

Once you pass this Part 3 test, you become a fully qualified DSA Approved Driving Instructor. Good Luck!



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today to launch your new career



Once you have passed

Once you have passed the 3 parts of the training, you obtain your 'green badge' and you become a fully-qualified driving instructor.

Many choices are then open to you including the opportunity take up one of the AA franchises with up to **£1500 discount on fees in your first 6 months**. The AA name is synonymous with driving so what better way to start your new career?

Holding the AA franchise gives you an amazing degree of flexibility, allowing you to be your own boss and choose your hours to fit around your other commitments.

Also because we know that not all driving instructors are the same, we give you all the options for a franchise!

You can opt for:

- **AA Standard Franchise**, for the best benefits in our range, a striking tuition vehicle, pupil introductions, CPD training, coaching and support, diary management, loyalty benefits and much more.
- **AA Mileage Franchise**, ideal if you want to start slowly, work part-time or cover a small area. Part of your fee is variable depending on the amount of tuition you give and the mileage you do. Your mileage is recorded and transmitted via a telematics unit in the car and invoiced accordingly. You pay a low weekly flat fee plus 15p pence per mile.
- **AA Associate Franchise** comes with your name and number on the livery. Perfect if you want to take on self-sourcing pupils, yet value the strength of the AA brand.
- **AA Solo**, if you want to go independent but for all the peace of mind want the benefits of a tuition vehicle supplied by the AA, supplied unbranded so you can trade under your own name.

We've designed a range of franchise packages to give you the support you need, while having a well-known brand behind you.

The standard franchise includes:

Induction

Attend our specially designed induction course, to familiarise yourself with being an instructor, understand how the AA Driving School works and meet other AA driving instructors.

A Ford Fiesta or Ford Focus every 32 weeks

Complete with tax, insurance and of course breakdown cover. We cover all servicing and maintenance costs. If your car becomes unroadworthy, we'll aim to get a replacement to you within 24 hours. This allows your students to keep learning, and you to keep earning.

Pupil introduction scheme

We offer a pupil introduction service to assist your business. You decide when and if you wish to have pupils supplied.

Easy booking scheduler

The AA's InSite system allows you to access pupil details, view bookings and check payments as well as managing your diary. With InSite you can keep in control and up-to-date with all the information you need to run your franchise.

Professional indemnity insurance

It's unlikely you'll ever need it but just in case, you'll be covered for up to £2m.

Sickness and Accident cover

This cover is available after your 1st anniversary* and provides a benefit of £250 per week in cases of sickness or accidents, after the first 14 days following certification, to help reduce the worry of not being able to pay your bills.

Support and CPD

As an AA franchisee, ongoing support and Continuous Professional Development is available whenever you need it, through our dedicated Instructor Support Managers, local coach network and Customer Service Centre.

Other tuition types

Opportunity to apply for additional roles such as instructor coach, corporate driver training and driving instructor training.

Q. What's the ADI licence?

A. It's your licence to work as a fully qualified driving instructor in the UK. It is a green badge which must be displayed on your vehicle windscreen when giving paid for tuition.

Q. How long will the course take?

A. It generally takes between 6 and 18 months to become a Driving Instructor depending on your availability and commitment.

Q. Who are the DSA and DVTA?

A. The DSA are the governing body for driving tuition in the UK and the DVTA are the governing body for driving tuition in Northern Ireland.

Q. How much are the tests?

A. Part 1 costs £90. Parts 2 and 3 cost £111.

Q. How many attempts do I get?

A. Should you require it you get up to three attempts.

Q. How many hours do I get?

A. 54 hours 1:1 and optional hours are available with a Buddy (where available).

Q. What is 1:1 training?

A. 1:1 training is in car training with your trainer with no one else in the car.

Q. How do I apply to become an ADI?

A. A CRB check needs to be completed and once the CRB has been returned, you need to apply to the DSA using an ADI12.

Q. How much is the Green Badge?

A. The cost of the Green Badge is £300

Q. What is bespoke training?

A. Training which will be delivered to fit around you and your learning style.

Q. Do I have to meet my trainer or do they come to my house?

A. Your trainer will meet you at a mutually convenient meeting place.

Q. Am I guaranteed a franchise?

A. You are guaranteed an AA Franchise subject to terms and conditions.

Checklist

- Have you held a full UK or European Driving Licence for at least 3½ years?
- Have you held the licence for 4 out of the last 6 years?
- Are you over 21 years of age?
- Can you read a new style number plate from 26.5m?
- Do you enjoy meeting and working with people?
- Do you enjoy driving?
- Would you like to have responsibility and run your own business?
- Can you commit to learning?



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