

### Van Smart

Creating long-term behavioural change

### Course Trainer Pack















#### Introduction

The Van Smart course trainer pack is part of a series of publications produced by Transport for London (TfL) to support the van sector in reducing work related road risk, improving safety and creating long-term behavioural change.

This training pack will provide all the information required; to prepare, deliver and administer Van Smart training courses.

#### What is Van Smart training?

Van Smart is a seven hour training course consisting two classroom-based theory modules and an on-cycle practical module.

Van Smart is DCPC accredited and fully aligned to meet the requirements of:

- Work Related Road Risk (WRRR)
- Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)
   Silver level
- Construction Logistics & Cyclist Safety (CLOCS) Standard

### Who should attend Van Smart training?

Van Smart is essential training for all van drivers, regardless of the area of operation, which will raise the levels of knowledge to enhance awareness of work related road safety, vulnerable road users and legal compliance matters relevant to the van sector.

The vast majority of van drivers are hard-working, reliable and dedicated individuals who look after their vans and are proud of their driving skills and their ability to share the road effectively with other users. However, because they are busy people, it is all too easy for some of them to forget some of the risks they may pose to themselves and vulnerable road users (VRUs) like pedestrians and cyclists. In London, vans cover 80 per cent of all road freight mileage, 10 per cent of road traffic incidents involve a van and 11 per cent of these incidents result in serious injury or fatality.













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### Section I

# Van Smart background and framework

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## About the Van Smart course trainer pack

### Purpose of the Van Smart trainer pack

This pack provides all the information and guidance for training providers to prepare, deliver and administer standard approved Van Smart training to the van sector on sharing the road safely with vulnerable road users (VRUs), reducing work-related road risks, on-cycle hazard awareness and to create sustainable behavioural change in the sector. The course trainer pack aims to:

- Provide a quality training resource to assist in the consistent delivery of Van Smart approved training courses across the UK
- Define the competency level, including qualifications, skills and experience, required by both theory and practical trainers
- Enable commercial and in-house training providers to subscribe to Van Smart training and offer the course as part of their standard training syllabus

#### Who is the pack for?

The Van Smart course trainer pack is for Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) training providers and in-house trainers within commercial fleet operators who:

- Intend to deliver Van Smart as part of their standard training syllabus
- Have completed the Van Smart Train the Trainer course

The course trainer pack can also be used by local authorities to promote Van Smart to local commercial fleet operators.

### How should the course trainer pack be used?

This course trainer pack should be used to deliver Van Smart courses that are consistent with the Work Related Road Risk (WRRR) requirements, principles and objectives. The course trainer pack should only be used by trainers with relevant industry knowledge, skills and experience to deliver the course material.

The Van Smart course trainer pack is structured in three parts:

- Section 1 Van Smart background and framework
- Section 2 Trainer notes and lesson plans
- Section 3 Training administration











#### Background

#### Increasing population

With the population of the UK expected to rise to 81 million by 2060, making the UK one of the most densely populated countries in Europe, our towns and cities are getting increasingly busy. A growing population means growing demand for places to live and work, and for leisure activities.

A growing population needs more goods and services to support it and these require transportation. In turn, this places considerable strain on already busy transport networks and this requires a change in travel behaviour and the types of transport that people use.

#### Increased van numbers

The number of vans has grown rapidly over the past decade and there are now nearly 3.3 million on the road. Van activity is predicted to double between 2010 and 2040. In London, vans account for 80 per cent of all road freight mileage. Vans are involved in 10 per cent of road traffic incidents in London and 11 per cent of these incidents result in serious injury or fatality.

#### More walking and cycling

The benefits of encouraging more active forms of travel, such as walking and cycling, are numerous: improving health and wellbeing, easing pressure on transport networks and reducing congestion and pollution.

Many UK cities and regional authorities are already promoting walking and cycling as healthy sustainable ways to travel. London has led the way, but eight Cycling Ambition Cities are now being funded by central Government to get more people cycling by improving and expanding cycle routes.

Cycling offers the fastest journey times and for some the most pleasant journey experience; hence it is an attractive mode of transport for many people. Transport for London (TfL) is aiming for five per cent of all journeys in London to be made by bike.

#### Changing cityscape

The increased numbers of people who cycle and walk in recent years has led to a change in London's cityscape to include pedestrian zones, cycle routes, chicanes, built-up areas, 20mph zones, speed bumps, school zones and rising bollards. Van drivers need to understand how their vehicle interacts with elements of London's cityscape and the appropriate driving techniques they should use to ensure they do their bit to increase safety for all users by sharing the roads safely with them.

In 2013, TfL and the Mayor of London published a document called *Safe Streets for London*. This acts as a road safety action plan; it sets out plans to reduce the number of people injured on our roads and includes a target of a 50 per cent reduction in people killed and seriously injured on London's roads by 2020.

### Factors that increase the risk of incidents

There are a number of factors that increase the chance of an incident including vehicle breakdowns, excessive driving hours, insufficient driver breaks, not using defensive driving techniques, non-essential journeys, traffic jams, inefficiently planned or excessive delivery workload, and inexperienced or young drivers needing additional training.

MOT failures are higher for vans than HGVs. This means that a high number of vans are not roadworthy. 24 per cent of van operators have no knowledge of the Domestic Drivers' Hours rules. The percentage use of mobile phones while driving is almost twice as high for van drivers as car drivers.

Fleet operators and their clients are realising the value and necessity of taking ownership of WRRR – and Van Smart is another initiative from TfL that will help them to improve their safety record.







## Wider context of Van Smart training

Van Smart training forms part of a range of road safety initiatives. It provides a default training solution that meets the requirements of:

- Construction Logistics and Cyclist Safety (CLOCS) Standard
- Contractual WRRR requirements
- Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) silver level

### Construction Logistics and Cyclist Safety (CLOCS)

The CLOCS programme represents a united response to road safety across the construction industry and a greater social responsibility, which aims to save lives.

CLOCS aims to achieve a change in the way the construction industry manages WRRR. This is being achieved by:

- Improving vehicle safety through design and manufacture of safer new vehicles and fitment of appropriate safety equipment to existing vehicles
- Addressing the imbalance in the industry by ensuring road safety is considered as important as health and safety on construction sites
- Encouraging wider adoption of best practice across the construction logistics industry by developing a common national standard and a new road safety culture

Implemented by construction clients through contracts, the CLOCS Standard provides a framework that enables ownership in managing road risk which can be adhered to in a consistent way by fleet operators.

#### **Managing WRRR**

Organisations such as TfL, local authorities and major construction projects such as Crossrail are using their buying power to ensure that all fleet operators working for them take measures to manage road risk. These organisations have mandated in all contracts that all suppliers and subcontractors adhere to WRRR contractual requirements. These requirements include:

- Meeting best practice standards such as FORS bronze accreditation
- Engaging with staff to improve their driving standards and professionalism
- Complying with the law and contractual requirements
- Recognising why and knowing how the streetscape in London is changing to improve the safety of VRUs
- Reporting and analysing collisions

Failure to meet these requirements is a potential breach of contract. Vehicles could be turned away from site and registered as a failed delivery.

### Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)

FORS is a voluntary accreditation scheme developed by TfL to help improve operators' performance in key areas – safety, fuel efficiency, economical operations and vehicle emissions.

FORS accreditation is a nationally recognised credential, giving assurance to existing and potential clients that operators are high performing, adhere to good practice and run a quality transport operation. It enables clients to take ownership of road risk within their supply chain by specifying FORS accreditation in the procurement process.







### Training objectives and learning outcomes

Train	ning objective	Learning outcomes
1	State the rules regarding driver licensing and training	<ul> <li>Identify which vehicles they are permitted to drive with their current licence</li> </ul>
2	List the key guidelines regarding fitness to drive	<ul> <li>Explain how to remain physically and mentally fit to drive a commercial vehicle</li> <li>Describe how to adapt their vehicle for maximum safety and comfort</li> </ul>
3	Specify the law relating to drivers' hours and breaks	State the rules on drivers' hours and taking breaks
4	Explain how to ensure that their vehicle is roadworthy	<ul> <li>Explain the daily walkaround checks they need to carry out to ensure that a vehicle is clean, roadworthy and safe to drive</li> </ul>
5	Describe safe loading procedures and what makes a load safe	<ul> <li>Say how to load and unload a vehicle safely, securely and legally</li> </ul>
6	Explain why journey planning is important and how to plan a journey effectively	<ul> <li>Explain the need for journey planning before setting out, taking account of contractual restrictions</li> <li>Say how to plan a journey effectively</li> <li>Identify opportunities for switching off their engines to save fuel and improve air quality</li> </ul>
7	Identify the importance of observing the basic safety rules for van drivers	<ul> <li>Explain the basic principles of road safety</li> <li>State why tailgating is dangerous and illegal</li> <li>Identify the main items inside the cab that could distract them when driving</li> </ul>
8	State the speed limits on different types of roads	State the speed limits for the types of vehicles that they drive
9	Explain why some other road users feel vulnerable and what would make them feel safer	<ul> <li>Identify the most vulnerable road users</li> <li>Say why these vulnerable road users feel vulnerable</li> <li>Explain what they can do to help vulnerable road users feel less vulnerable</li> </ul>
10	Identify the characteristics of a professional driver	<ul> <li>Share the road and behave courteously with other road users</li> <li>Keep accurate records to ensure continuous improvement</li> </ul>







11	Explain how defensive driving can help them to identify and avoid hazards	<ul> <li>Perceive and anticipate hazards that may arise in urban environments</li> </ul>
12	Gain first-hand experience as a vulnerable road user (VRU) through oncycle hazard awareness and recognise why cyclists behave the way they do	<ul> <li>Demonstrate control of a bike</li> <li>Demonstrate where to ride on the road and the use and limitations of cycle infrastructure</li> <li>Tackle challenging roads and traffic situations</li> <li>Demonstrate how and when to pass queuing traffic</li> <li>Identify and react to hazardous road surfaces</li> </ul>







### Van Smart course programme

Activity	Duration	Indicative timing
Registration and driving licence check		08.00-08.30
3	30 mins	



## Module 1 – Plan and prepare

Activity	Duration	Indicative timing
Welcome and icebreaker		08.30-08.40
	10 mins	
Lesson 1: Prepare yourself		08.40-09.20
·	40 mins	
Lesson 2: Check your vehicle		09.20-09.50
	30 mins	
Lesson 3: Plan your journey		09.50-10.25
	35 mins	
Break		10.25-10.40
	15 mins	









### Module 2 – Operate professionally

Activity	Duration	Indicative timing
		10.40-10.45
Module 2 objectives	5 mins	
Lesson 4: Stick to the basics		10.45-11.30
Lesson 4. Stick to the basics	45 mins	
Lesson 5: Consider others		11.30-11.50
Lesson 5: Consider others	20 mins	
Lesson 6: Act professionally		11.50-12.30
	40 mins	
Summary and evaluation		12.30-12.35
	5 mins	
Optional quiz	10-20 mins	

## Module 3 – On-cycle practical

Activity	Duration	Indicative timing
Welcome and objectives	10 mins	13.10-13.20
Lesson 1: Exchanging places – driver attitude and perception	20 mins	13.20-13.40
Lesson 2: Introduction to active travel – driver fitness and health	70 mins	13.40-14.50
Lesson 3: Hazard awareness and cyclist behaviour	120 mins	14.50-16.50
Module 3 summary and evaluation	10 mins	16.50-17.00

**Total training time** 

7 hours (420 minutes)







## Van Smart trainer competency

#### Introduction

The competency of instructional staff is paramount in ensuring a consistent quality of training delivery. There is specific knowledge and skills required of both theory and practical module trainers. Instructional staff delivering Van Smart training need to evidence how their knowledge and skills fulfil the competencies. Evidence of training may be in the form of a certificate or inclusion on a recognised training register. Specific guidance for instructor training necessary to deliver Van Smart and qualifications needed to deliver Train the Trainer courses is included in this section.

#### Best practice

Instructional staff should strive to complete career professional development training for both modules.

#### Competencies

#### Modules 1 and 2 – In-class theory

- Hold a valid full category B licence
- Have no more than three driving licence penalty points
- Hold a Driver CPC Driver qualification card
- Have undertaken the Van Smart training course and associated e-learning
- Have at least two years' experience in transport operations
- Have knowledge of CLOCS, FORS and managing WRRR in contracts
- Have knowledge of the national standard for cycle training
- Have undertaken an approved Van Smart Train the Trainer course

#### Module 3 – On-cycle practical

- Hold a valid full category B driving licence
- Have no more than three driving penalty points
- Hold the National Standard Instructor qualification for cycle training
- Have undertaken the Van Smart or Safe
  Urban Driving course (the on-cycle practical is
  the same for both these courses)
- Have at least 35 hours' experience of cycle training delivery
- Have knowledge of CLOCS, FORS and managing WRRR in contracts
- Have knowledge of the Driver CPC
- Have undertaken an approved national standard for cycle training Train the Trainer course







#### Guidance for types of evidence

#### Modules 1 and 2

Competency	Evidence
Hold a full category B licence	Valid driving licence
Have no more than three driving licence penalty points	DVLA licence checking service
Hold a Driver CPC – Driver qualification card (authority discretion)	Complete 35 hours of periodic training – valid driver qualification card
Have undertaken the Van Smart course and associated e-learning	Certificate of an approved course/inclusion on a recognised training register
Have at least two years' experience in transport operations	Your CV/references from industry professionals
Have knowledge of CLOCS, FORS and managing WRRR in contracts	Member of an industry body/subscription to industry publications/receive CLOCS/FORS e-news
Have knowledge of national standards for cycle training	Authority discretion
Have undertaken an approved Van Smart Train the Trainer course	Certificate of an approved course

#### Module 3

Competency	Evidence
Hold a full category B licence	Valid driving licence
Have no more than three driving licence penalty points	DVLA licence checking service
Hold the National Standard Instructor qualification for cycle training	Certificate of an approved course
Have undertaken the Van Smart course	Certificate of an approved course/inclusion on a recognised training register
Have at least 35 hours' experience of cycle training delivery	<ul> <li>Assessment of prior learning – for instance, provide evidence of completed training of adults at level one, two and three in a busy urban environment</li> <li>A minimum of supporting five Safe Urban Driving or Van Smart courses before instructor training organisation (ITO) sign off</li> </ul>







Competency	Evidence
Have knowledge of CLOCS, FORS and managing WRRR in contracts	<ul><li>Member of an industry body</li><li>Subscription to industry publications</li><li>Receive CLOCS/FORS e-news</li></ul>
Have knowledge of the Driver CPC	Authority discretion
Have undertaken an approved national standard for cycling Train the Trainer course	Certificate of an approved course

#### Recognised course programme – Train the Trainer courses

Approved courses will be recognised by FORS.

Courses should focus on improving the knowledge and skills of trainers to deliver consistent training.

The qualifications needed to deliver Train the Trainer courses are:

- In-class theory Recognised instructional qualification
- On-cycle practical Registered ITO

#### In-class theory

Objective		Learning outcomes	
1	Know the rules associated with delivery of approved Driver CPC training and how to record training hours on the recording and evidencing system	<ul> <li>Explain the reasons why identity and previous training checks are needed</li> <li>Describe the rules associated with recording training hours</li> <li>Demonstrate how to complete a course registration form</li> </ul>	
2	Appreciate how the training instruction pack and the associated e-learning is structured and how it supports the training	<ul> <li>Explain how each section supports the training journey</li> <li>List the supporting documents/appendices in the pack</li> </ul>	
3	Improve training techniques to address diverse learning needs	<ul> <li>Deliver a timed lesson/breakout session demonstrating trainer qualities</li> <li>Demonstrate a variety of suitable training methods to support learner development</li> <li>List the resources/techniques used for lesson confirmation</li> </ul>	







#### On-cycle practical

Objective		Learning outcomes
1	Manage challenging behaviour – negative and positive	<ul> <li>Describe conflict reduction techniques (troubleshooting)</li> <li>Understand core issues and be able to manage balanced discussions around road tax, cyclists' positioning, insurance, helmets, etc</li> </ul>
2	Know the publications and schemes supporting freight in London	<ul> <li>List the publications and explain which areas they support</li> <li>Describe what the WRRR requirements are and how CLOCS/FORS can demonstrate operators meet the requirements</li> <li>Understand how Van Smart focuses on driver outcomes and how these differ from National Standard outcomes</li> </ul>
3	Conduct (cycle) training session – both theory and practical	<ul> <li>Deliver a timed theory lesson/breakout session demonstrating trainer qualities</li> <li>Conduct practical cycling lessons at levels one, two and three focusing on driver outcomes</li> </ul>







## Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

These FAQs are to help trainers answer some of the questions that are commonly asked during the Van Smart training. If you have any additional questions please email <a href="mailto:freight@tfl.gov.uk">freight@tfl.gov.uk</a>.

### Why is Van Smart training important?

Cities across the UK are becoming increasingly busy, with a diverse range of traffic on the roads. Population growth, leading to more development and construction, alongside a big rise in the number of cyclists and pedestrians is increasing the risk of collisions on busy urban roads.

Van Smart training teaches drivers how to spot VRUs (such as pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists), understand how they interact with other traffic and how driving defensively can help to keep all road users safe. Driver training, such as Van Smart training, is now specified in WRRR contract clauses for some clients including TfL, Crossrail and some local authorities.

### What is being done about cyclists?

All road users need education on the importance of considerate, responsible behaviour and road sense, and must follow the Highway Code in order to make the roads safe for everyone. Transport authorities and local authorities are working with the cycling community to educate cyclists of the hazards of cycling on busy urban roads.

Specific initiatives aimed at cyclists include Exchanging Places, run by TfL, which gives cyclists the opportunity to see the road from the driver's seat of an HGV, highlighting the blind spots that exist on this type of vehicle. Training for cyclists is also available, through local authorities and business workplace cycling schemes, to educate cyclists about the risks they face and raise awareness of the kind of incidents

that commonly lead to cyclists being killed or seriously injured.

Enforcement by the police is also taking place in cities to make sure that all road users (including cyclists) follow the Highway Code, tackling offences such as cycling without lights, running red lights and using the phone while driving or cycling.

### Why don't cyclists have to wear helmets?

Research has been inconclusive in showing any benefit in wearing cycling helmets to safety.

#### Why don't cyclists pay road tax?

Road tax was abolished in 1937. Cars and lorries pay Vehicle Excise Duty (VED). VED is based on the size of engine and emissions and so bicycles, as ultra-low emission vehicles, are exempt. The Chancellor's recent announcement of reforms to VED will not change the charge for cyclists as they will continue to be exempt due to their zero emissions.

All tax-payers pay for roads as the majority of roads are funded by local councils, who get their money from central government, council tax and business rates. It is also worth noting that many cyclists also own a car and therefore may well pay VED.

### How are the roads being designed to improve safer cycling?

Local authorities and transport authorities, such as TfL, are investing in improving cycling infrastructure and developing new designs to improve cycle safety in our cities.

These improvements include deeper advanced stop line (ASL) boxes, marking cycle lanes through junctions and segregating cycle lanes.







### Why should I do the training if it isn't mandatory?

Because vans account for 80 per cent of all road freight mileage across the Capital. They are involved in 10 per cent of road traffic incidents and 11 per cent of these incidents result in serious injury or fatality. As a professional driver, you can never rely on other road users to behave as they should. This course both recognises, enhances and endorses your status and responsibilities as a professional driver. Finally, driver training courses like Van Smart is specified in WRRR contract clauses for some clients including TfL, Crossrail and some local authorities.

### What are the benefits of having a FORS accreditation?

FORS accreditation shows that an organisation is committed to safety and efficiency. FORS accreditation is an easy way for fleet operators to show their customers that they meet a quality standard in safety, efficiency and environmental impact of their fleet operations. Some organisations will only work with fleet operators who have a minimum accreditation of FORS bronze.

### What is the difference between FORS and CLOCS?

FORS and CLOCS are leading the way in ensuring that road safety is considered as important as workplace health and safety.

FORS is an accreditation scheme for road freight operators and allows operators to show that they meet a quality standard.

CLOCS allows construction clients to take ownership of managing road risk throughout their supply chain by demanding road safety measures, set out in the CLOCS Standard, as part of their contract with fleet operators.

CLOCS and FORS work together; FORS accreditation is the way fleet operators show they fulfil the requirements of the CLOCS Standard.

#### What is WRRR?

Organisations such as TfL, Crossrail and construction clients signed up to the CLOCS Standard have implemented an initiative to ensure that all businesses working for them take measures to manage road risk. These organisations have mandated in all new and existing contracts that suppliers and subcontractors adhere to WRRR contractual requirements.

TfL's own WRRR requirements include:

- Safe Urban Driving training
- Approved driver training
- Accreditation to FORS
- Enhanced vehicle safety equipment
- Regular DVLA licence checking
- Collision and incident reporting

Failure to meet these requirements could result in vehicles being turned away from TfL sites and could be considered a breach of contract.







## References and further reading

Better By Cycle – Greater Manchester's Cycle City Programme: Transport for Greater Manchester

Bikeability delivery guide: Department for Transport (DfT)

Bristol Cycle Strategy: Bristol City Council

City Deals - Guidance on Applications for Cycle City Ambition Grants: DfT

CLOCS Standard for construction logistics: Managing work related road risk: CLOCS

**CLOCS Compliance Toolkit: CLOCS** 

CLOCS Guide - Managing driver training and licensing: CLOCS

CLOCS Guide - Managing work related road risk in contracts: CLOCS

CLOCS Guide – Vehicle safety equipment: CLOCS

CLOCS Toolkit - Managing collision reporting and analysis: CLOCS

Cycle Safety Action Plan: TfL Cycle Safety Toolkit

Delivering a road freight legacy: TfL

FORS standard: FORS Community Partnership

Pedestrian Safety Action Plan: TfL

Road accidents and safety statistics: DfT

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)

Safe Streets for London: TfL

The Highway Code: Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO)

Tour de France legacy report: Leeds City Council

Van Excellence

Van Smart Manager Toolkit and Driver Handbook: FORS Community Partnership

Work Related Road Risk (WRRR) requirements: TfL













### Section 2

# Trainer notes and lesson plans

- Today's course
- Modules I and 2: In-class theory
  - Welcome and Lesson 1: Prepare yourself
  - Lesson 2: Check your vehicle
  - Lesson 3: Plan your journey
  - Lesson 4: Stick to the basics
  - Lesson 5: Consider others
  - Lesson 6: Act professionally
- Module 3: On-cycle practical
  - Welcome and Lesson 1: Exchanging Places driver attitude and perception
  - Lesson 2: Introduction to active travel driver fitness and health
  - Lesson 3: Hazard awareness and cyclist behaviour
- Course summary and evaluation
- End of course procedure
- Quiz papers/answer sheets

#### Today's course

This training module forms part of our Van Smart initiative, a programme that aims to reduce workrelated road risks and create long-term behavioural change in the van sector.

#### Preparation

It is recommended you have an approved course training pack with you at the training, including a printout of the presentation slides, to minimise potential disruption in the unlikely event of hardware (IT) failure occurring.

All supporting films are embedded in the presentation in mp4 format and are click to play. These should play without issue in PowerPoint 2013 and above, however they may not play without additional drivers/software in older versions of PowerPoint.

To preserve the integrity of the training and maintain consistent delivery, the presentations are password-protected. If you experience any issues with any aspect of the presentations, please email freight@tfl.gov.uk.

#### Before the course starts

- 1. Discuss health and safety issues with the venue co-ordinator, including emergency assembly areas, external break areas and toilet facilities.
- 2. If there are any visually or hearing-impaired participants in the group, find out whether or not they have any special requirements. Do this discreetly to respect any sensitivity.
- 3. Note the parts of the session that require participants to work in groups. Depending on numbers, the composition of the full group and the time available, you may decide to ask participants to form small sub-groups to tackle activities, topics or questions, or deal with these activities in the full group. In this case, simply encourage participants to volunteer answers or ideas - and note these on the flipchart.



#### Course objectives

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- State the rules regarding driver licensing and training
- List the key guidelines regarding fitness to drive
- Specify the law relating to drivers' hours and breaks
- Explain how to ensure that their vehicle is roadworthy
- Describe safe loading procedures and what makes a load safe
- Explain why journey planning is important and how to plan a journey effectively
- Identify the importance of observing the basic safety rules for van drivers
- State the speed limits on different types of
- Explain why other road users feel vulnerable and what would make them feel safer
- Identify the characteristics of a professional
- Explain how defensive driving can help them to identify and avoid hazards
- Gain first-hand experience as a vulnerable road user (VRU) through on-cycle hazard awareness and recognise why cyclists behave the way they do













### Modules 1 and 2: In-class theory – timetable

Time	Activity
10 mins	Welcome, module 1 objectives and icebreaker
	Lesson 1: Prepare yourself
	Driver licensing
	Fitness to drive
40 mins	Drivers' hours and breaks
	Personal safety
	Knowing your vehicle
	Lesson 2: Check your vehicle
	Which documents do you require?
30 mins	Walkaround checks
30 111113	Safe loads and loading
	Lesson 3: Plan your journey
	Journey planning
35 mins	Loading and unloading
33	Anti-idling
15 mins	Break
10 1111113	
	Module 2 objectives
5 mins	







Time	Activity
	Lesson 4: Stick to the basics
	Safety – the basics
	In-cab distractions
45 mins	Speed limits
	Safe use of in-vehicle technology
	Tailgating
	Lesson 5: Consider others
	Showing respect to other road users
20 mins	Sharing the road
	Vulnerable road users' behaviour
	Lesson 6: Act professionally
	What makes a professional driver?
	Changing trends
	Professional behaviour
40 mins	Characteristics of a professional driver
	Anticipating hazards
	Record keeping
5 mins	Summary and evaluation
10-20 mins	Modules 1 and 2 optional quiz
3.5 hours	Total training time
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#### Welcome

Key	Method	Resources
Welcome 2 mins	Welcome drivers to the training course. Facilitator:  Welcome the group and introduce yourself  Briefly outline the agenda and aims of the training event  Go through 'For your safety and comfort' slide (emergency procedures, WCs, refreshments, finish time, mobile phones)  Get participants to introduce themselves – briefly  Ask for any questions or concerns, and try to resolve	Slide 0  Van Smart Theory modules  Aim of the modules  To equip you with the knowledge, skills and tools you need to carry out your job diligently, safely, consideration for others  To help you become a safer, more difficult and professional driver  To help you become a safer, more difficult and professional driver  To help you become a safer, more difficult to any professional driver  To help you become a safer, more difficult to any professional driver  To help you become a safer, more difficult to any professional driver  To help you pumpy  Today's theory session agenda  Module : Plan and prepare  Plan you journey  Other your which the professionally  Sick to the basics  Slide 3  For your safety and comfort  Slide 4  Please tell us:  You four how rutalis  Introduce yourself  Pression tell us:  Your name  Your n







#### Key Method Resources Module 1 Show the Module 1 title slide and then move on to tell Slide 5 participants about the module objectives: objectives State the rules regarding driver licensing and training Welcome Module 1: Plan and prepare List the key guidelines regarding fitness to drive Specify the law relating to drivers' hours and Slide 6 breaks FORS Module objectives Explain how to ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy Describe safe loading procedures and what makes a load safe Explain why journey planning is important and how to plan a journey effectively Ice breaker: The slides show some common myths about the Slides 7 and 8 Myths about nature of safe driving. driving Show each item on the two slides one by one and ask the group to say and/or raise their hands if they agree or disagree with the statements as they come up Show the 'myth' statement again, saying whether each is true or false and explaining why as you go 5 mins See slide notes for the answers Follow with a discussion about these commonly held misconceptions Driver handbook Tell participants that from time to time you will refer to Slide 9 the Driver Handbook which contains most of the FORS points they will be hearing and discussing today. They should have a copy of the Handbook in front of them. Mention that you will also refer them to the Highway Code, which they may want to review after attending the training event! **Driver Handbook** Highway Code







Key	Method	Resources
Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)	Tell them that you will also refer to the FORS Standards from time to time. Explain what FORS is, with the help of the slide and the slide notes.  Mention also the contractual requirements for Transport for London (TfL) suppliers regarding work-related road risk and the WRRR Standard.	Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)  A voluntary best practice certification scheme Recognises fleet operations which comply with the FORS Standard  Companies audited against the FORS Standard
		Slide notes











### Lesson 1: Prepare yourself

Professional drivers need to be fit, healthy and qualified to drive their vehicles. This means that they need to look after themselves and hold a full and current driving licence that is valid in the UK. They need to avoid drinking and taking drugs or tablets just before or while driving because this could affect their own safety and that of other road users. In addition, it is illegal to be in charge of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs - and the consequences of doing so could be serious and lasting.

This lesson aims to develop drivers' awareness of the different ways in which they can prepare themselves for professional driving.



#### Lesson 1 objectives

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able to:

- State the rules regarding driver licensing and
- List the key guidelines regarding fitness to
- Specify the law relating to drivers' hours and breaks



#### Lesson 1 learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Identify which vehicles they are permitted to drive with their current licence
- Explain how to remain physically and mentally fit to drive a commercial vehicle
- State the rules on drivers' hours and taking breaks
- Describe how to adapt their vehicle for maximum safety and comfort



#### Key learning points

The importance of:

- Having the correct licence and training for your van and your job
- Being physically and legally fit to drive
- Observing the rules regarding hours and breaks
- Knowing the latest Highway Code rules
- Being aware of any contractual obligations and company road safety policies
- Being familiar with the van you're going to drive



#### **Timina**

40 minutes

It is important to stick to the timings detailed in the lesson plan.



#### Further information

Refer to the following documents and/or links for more information.

- Fitness to drive: Gov.uk www.gov.uk/current-medical-guidelines-dvlaguidance-for-professionals
- Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) www.rospa.com/
- Healthy eating: NHS Choices www.nhs.uk/livewell/healthyeating/Pages/Healthyeating.aspx
- Health and Safety Executive www.hse.gov.uk/







#### Suggested process Key Method Resources Introduction Show the title slide and explain why it is vital for Slide 11 professional drivers to prepare themselves for safe and efficient driving. Say that you are going to cover the different ways in which drivers can prepare themselves. Prepare yourself Driving licence Explain that an important aspect of being prepared to Slide 12 drive is simply knowing what type of licence they have, and which vehicles they are entitled to drive. Prepare yourself: know your licence Show Slide 12 and ask: • What type of driving licence do you have? 8 min Which types of vehicles are you entitled to drive with this licence? Slide 13 Refer participants to Section 1.5 of the Driver Handbook which provides more information on licence categories. Driver licensing and training: the la Show Slide 13 which talks about driver licensing law. Note that with a **Category B** licence they can drive vehicles up to 3,500kg Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM) with up to eight passenger seats (with a trailer **Driver Handbook** up to 750kg). They can tow heavier trailers if the total Slide notes weight of the vehicle and trailer isn't more than Slide 14 3,500kg. Show Slides 14 and 15 and point out the key features of the licence and the licence codes. Note that:

- Section 1.5 of the Driver Handbook contains details of the licence categories and entitlement
- The types of vehicles drivers are permitted to drive are displayed on the reverse of photocard licences

#### Explain that:

 It is vital to be aware of their company's driving licence validation process and know which vehicles their licence entitles them to drive



#### Slide notes Slide 15



Slide notes







Key	Method	Resources
Driving licence [continued]	<ul> <li>They must tell their managers if they are disqualified from driving or get any endorsements or restrictions</li> <li>The manager must check the licence when they first start work and at least every six months after that. They need to be aware of the procedure that their manager will follow for checking their licence</li> </ul>	
Fitness to drive 8 mins	Explain that another important part of being prepared to drive is keeping physically and emotionally fit. Drivers often forget that it's not just their waistline that suffers if they fail to take care of their wellbeing. Then use Slide 16 to organise a short activity. Ask them to work in three groups to discuss:  Group 1 – the things you can do to stay fit and healthy for driving  Group 2 – the things you can do to avoid tiredness while you are driving  Group 3 – the consequences of failing to stay fit and healthy for driving  Ask them to be ready to present their ideas to the full group.  After a few minutes, go round the groups asking them for their ideas and discussing these.  Use Slides 17, 18 and 19 to review and consolidate their ideas on staying fit and healthy, avoiding tiredness and the consequences of not looking after yourself.	Prepare yourself: are you fit to drive?  Vote in three groups to declars  I office I - The integrape can do to safe in the form of the following the f







### Key Method Resources Tiredness can kill Show Slide 20 and mention that: Slide 20 Tiredness has a huge impact on your driving and can affect your ability to drive safely, similar to the effects of drink-driving 3 mins Research conducted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has found that fatigue-related accidents kill over 300 people a Driver Handbook year in the UK and causes 20 per cent of accidents, particularly on monotonous roads The GB Domestic Driving rules limit the number of hours you can drive and the length of time you can be on duty in total Drivers' hours Develop the theme of fatigued driving by explaining Slide 21 that the drivers' hours rules exist to cut down on rules fatigue-related crashes. They help ensure our roads The GB Domestic Driving rules are safe for people to use. Explain that currently these rules only legally apply to drivers operating vehicles weighing over 3.5 tonnes. At the time of writing, they are good practice only for people who drive smaller vehicles. Show Slide 21 (heading only) and ask: Driver Handbook Slide notes How many hours does the law allow you to work in any working day? In what circumstances do you need to keep a record of how many hours you drive? • Who needs to use a tachograph? Reveal the bullets on Slide 21 and use the slide notes to summarise the rules relating to drivers' hours and the importance of record keeping. Explain that 'hours driving' only refers to the hours they spend driving for work. It does not include the time they spend travelling to and from their place of work.







#### Key Method Resources Taking breaks Use Slide 22 to summarise the importance of taking Slide 22 breaks. See the slide notes for additional information. and avoiding fatigued driving about the research and the effects of sleepiness. Research suggests that driver fatigue Point out that the EU Working Time Directive May be a contributory factor in up to 20 per cent of road accidents states that a worker is entitled to an uninterrupted Is a cause of up to 25 per cent of fatal and serious accidents break of 30 minutes when daily working time is more than six hours. Slide notes Slide 23 Explain that the FORS Standard (Slide 23) exists to encourage good practice. The need to record drivers' hour: Fleet operators have to keep records to ensure that drivers' hours and working time regulations for applicable vehicle types are not infringed There is a drivers' hours record sheet example in the **Driver Handbook** Slide notes Fitness to drive: Slide 24 - Introduce the law on fitness to drive and Slide 24 the law stress the importance of being aware that alcohol and drugs can seriously impair their fitness to drive. You must inform the DVLA if you suffer from any condition that could affect your driving Slide notes 4 mins Show Slide 25 and ask: 'What physical, mental or Slide 25 emotional conditions could affect your fitness to drive?' Prepare yourself: are you fit to drive? Note down their responses on the flipchart Expect some of the points written on the slide notes If they have any of these problems, they may **Flipchart** have to take prescribed/over-the-counter Slide notes drugs/medicines Drug driving Show Slide 26, which lists some of the common Slide 26 drugs that people take to treat these problems. If they take any of these medications, it is important Drugs that can cause to be aware of any side effects such as drowsiness. Note the actual names of some common drugs on the slide notes. 2 mins







Key	Method	Resources
Drug driving [continued]	<ul> <li>It's illegal in England and Wales to drive with legal drugs in your body if it impairs your driving</li> <li>It's an offence to drive if you have over the specified limits of certain drugs in your blood and you haven't been prescribed them</li> <li>They should talk to their doctor about whether they should drive if they've been prescribed any of the drugs mentioned on the notes to Slide 26</li> <li>However, it's OK to drive after taking these drugs if: <ul> <li>They've been prescribed and healthcare professionals' advice has been followed on how to take them</li> <li>They aren't causing drivers to be unfit to drive even if the dose is above the specified limits</li> </ul> </li> <li>Explain that the police can stop drivers and make them do a 'field impairment assessment' if they think their driving is impaired by drugs. This is a series of tests, eg asking someone to walk in a straight line. They can also use a roadside drug kit to screen for cannabis and cocaine.</li> <li>If the police think a driver is unfit to drive because of taking drugs, they'll be arrested and will have to take a blood or urine test at a police station.</li> <li>Drivers can be charged with a crime if the test shows they've taken drugs.</li> <li>Point out that the changes to the drug-driving law are explained in the first section of the Driver Handbook. See also: http://think.direct.gov.uk/drug-driving.html</li> </ul>	Slide notes
Drinking and driving  5 mins	Show Slide 27 and discuss the consequences of driving 'under the influence'.  Remind participants that Rule 96 of the Highway Code states: Drivers must not drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs.	If you drive under the influence  On to prison for up to 14 years of someone is vilide  Be behaved from driving the all wast 12 months  Per ya large fre  Case you pe  Order a common fronce  Prison for prison fronce in manages  Nade 98 of the Highway Code states:  The legal abcord into its 35 micrograms per 100est of the series  Walket 1. The separate  27  Slide notes  Highway Code







Key	Method	Resources
Drinking and driving [continued]	Slide 28 - Show the true/false statements to test participants' existing knowledge of drink-drive facts. Show each slide one by one and ask them to vote with a show of hands to say whether they agree or disagree with the statements. Show the slides again and use the slide notes to debrief the activity. Only the second statement is true, the others are false.	Slide 28  True or false?  True or false?  The wipel alroid less for divers in 8.50 recognition.  That if a pair of lader grounding and again, when of the controlling and again, when of the controlling and again, when the controlling and again, when the controlling and again, when the controlling and again, aga
Knowing your vehicle and adapting it to your needs  2 min	Point out the vital importance of preparing themselves by setting the seat position properly and getting to know their van before setting off.  Show Slides 29 and 30 and explain that many drivers have problems because they don't take time to familiarise themselves with their vehicles or make necessary adjustments.	Prepare yourself: know your vehicle  Leagh. Negre and weight of the van  Leagh Negre and weight of the van  Leagh Negre and weight of the van  Leagh Negre and weight of the van  Slide 30   Slide 30   Driving position  For the season of the van of the value of the van of the value of the val
Company and road safety policy  The same of the safety policy  The saf	Slide 31 - Finally, preparing themselves involves knowing their company road safety policy.  Understanding company policy will enable drivers to become more professional and ensure that they comply with the law.  The company needs to make sure that drivers adhere to the policy to improve the safety of drivers, vehicles and journeys and other road users.	Slide 31  Prepare yourself: know your road safety policy  I You must hold a full and current UK owing licence  I You must pull over and suith off the engine when making phone calls.  I You must be your randage of you:  - Now received any anotherements - How receiv











## Lesson 2: Check your vehicle

A daily walkaround check helps to ensure that a vehicle is clean, roadworthy and safe to drive. This helps keep drivers, their vehicles and other road users safe by reducing the likelihood of an accident. A key benefit of the walkaround check is to highlight and fix any defects before they cause a more serious problem. In addition, a clean and well-maintained van looks professional and improves the company's image.

This lesson will help drivers to understand their personal responsibility for the vehicle's roadworthiness.



## Lesson 2 objectives

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able to:

- Explain how to ensure that their vehicle is roadworthy
- Describe safe loading procedures and what makes a load safe



## Lesson 2 learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Explain the daily walkaround checks they need to carry out to ensure that a vehicle is clean, roadworthy and safe to drive
- Say how to load and unload a vehicle safely, securely and legally



### Key learning points

- Is your van roadworthy? Make a walkaround check your first job everyday
- Be aware of the maximum weight and size you are legally allowed to carry and make sure your load is secured correctly
- Consider additional safety features to minimise the risk of an incident with a vulnerable road user (VRU) or another vehicle
- Make vehicle security a priority
- Follow correct procedures when carrying hazardous or dangerous goods
- Consider your delivery route and adjust your load order accordingly



### **Timing**

30 minutes

It is important to stick to the timings detailed in the lesson plan.



### Further information

Refer to the following documents and/or links for more information.

**Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency** https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ driver-and-vehicle-standards-agency







Key	Method	Resources
Walkaround checks  The characteristics of the	Show <b>Slide 32</b> and introduce this topic by pointing out that daily walkaround checks help to ensure that vehicles are roadworthy, clean and safe to drive. This helps to keep drivers, vehicles and other road users safe by reducing the likelihood of an accident.  Also, walkaround checks help to highlight and fix any defects before they cause a more serious problem. This can reduce maintenance costs as well as vehicle downtime.	Slide 32  Check your vehicle
What do you need to check?  9 mins	Slide 33 - Ask participants to work in three groups to note things that they do (or believe they should do) as part of their daily routine checks.  If possible, it would be helpful for participants to use a real van or vans at this point to do their walkaround checks. Each group would then check only one area of the van and make notes as below. If a van is not available ask the groups to write their ideas on pre-prepared flipchart paper stuck on the walls around the room.  Group 1 – lists exterior checks Group 2 – lists under the bonnet checks Group 3 – lists in cab checks  Ask each group to present and discuss their ideas in turn.  Expect from Group 1:  No fuel/oil leaks Clean windscreen Tyres in good condition Doors working and closing properly Vehicle clean Mirrors are clean and intact Load secured adequately Exhaust system secure and leak free Body/wings secure	Is your vehicle roadworthy?  Woods in three groups to rode through that your cardy notice in three groups to rode through that your cardy notice in freed throats.  Group 2—throat throat throats.  The trackly to present your ideas to the fail group.  Thippehart paper for each group.  Driver Handbook: Vehicle Check Sheet







Key Method Resources What do you Number plates clean and undamaged need to check? [continued] Warning signage (where fitted) clean and visible **Expect from Group 2:**  Battery clean and properly secured in tray Leads in good condition and properly attached Fluid levels adequate **Expect from Group 3**  Windscreen wipers and washers working Fuel sufficient for journey Horn working Slide 34 Brakes in good working condition Why check and maintain your vehicle Seat belts in good condition To keep it safe and fit for purpos To ensure the vehicle con the law Lights and indicators working Driving aids (if applicable) fitted and serviceable Gauges and warning systems working Discuss and add to their ideas and ask if they don't Slide 35 do these things, why not? What are the consequences Stress the advantages of using the Drivers' Daily Check Sheet, a copy of which is included the Banned from driving or fined up to £1,000 Lose your job Materials to Help section of the Driver Handbook. Get points on your licence Be involved in an accider
 Have your vehicle impour Use Slides 34 and 35 in this series to summarise the benefits of making regular checks and the consequences of failing to make checks. Slide 36 - Introduce and show the Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVSA) video embedded in Slide 36. Slide 36 When the video is finished, ask for any questions or reactions. Emphasise that to check the vehicle can Is your vehicle road take as little as seven minutes out of the day if done properly. Refer them to Section 2 of the Driver Handbook, which summarises the daily routine checks which drivers are required to undertake. There is a Vehicle Check Sheet/Defect Report in the Materials to Help section of the Driver Handbook. **Driver Handbook** 







### Key Method Resources Safe loads and Slides 37 and 38 - Run the true/false activity, Slide 37 loading bringing each statement up one by one and getting the group to note or shout out their answers. Vehicle loads: true or Then go through the statements again, giving the correct answers and using the discussion points on the slide notes to check the answers. Ask them what they think safe loading actually involves. Slide 38 Vehicle loads: true or false? 20 mins Slide notes Slide 39 Discuss the notes on Slide 39 'Carrying goods safely', which links to the FORS Standard. Check your vehicle: carry goo Slide 40 Show the video embedded in Slide 40 and the picture in Slide 41 to summarise safe stacking techniques. FORS Slide 40 - You may want to play the following two videos which show what happens when poorly loaded vans are in a crash: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9EMHhZ Ww&feature=player detailpage and Slide 41 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgK1285RObA FORS Check your vehicle: safe stacking Slide 41 - Safe stacking Point out that only CE marked restraints should be used. The CE marking is the manufacturer's Check that the loading area floor is clear of debris declaration that the product meets the requirements of the applicable EC directives. Note to group that more information is available in Section 2.5 of the Driver Handbook.







Key	Method	Resources
loading group:  [continued]  Potential risk of injury to  Makes the vehicle unstate  Damaging the goods being	<ul> <li>Potential risk of injury to others</li> <li>Makes the vehicle unstable</li> </ul>	Risks of unsafe loads  Cause injuries or death Make the vehicle unstable Damage goods being transported Fall out or off the vehicle Cause delays and harm you or your company's reputation
	Reputational damage to them or the company	Slide notes











# Lesson 3: Plan your journey

Journey planning is the process of deciding which vehicle to use, who will drive it, which roads will be used and the efficient scheduling of deliveries and collections, to ensure that our customer requirements are met.

Journey planning will mean vehicles are used as efficiently and effectively as possible. It also means drivers will be less stressed as they will know where they need to be, when they need to be there and that they are travelling on the optimum route. They will also know about en-route parking and fuelling facilities.



## Lesson 3 objective

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able to:

Explain why journey planning is important and how to plan a journey effectively



### Lesson 3 learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Explain the need for journey planning before setting out, taking account of contractual restrictions
- Say how to plan a journey effectively
- Identify opportunities for switching off their engines to save fuel and improve air quality



### Key learning points

- Get it mapped out before you set off
- Be aware of loading and unloading restrictions and adhere to the rules
- Avoid penalty charge notices (PCNs), but keep a record of circumstantial evidence if you are issued with one
- Follow good practice on engine-idling and drive efficiently to reduce fuel consumption



### **Timing**

35 minutes It is important to stick to the timings detailed in the lesson plan.



### **Further information**

Refer to the following documents and/or links for more information.

- Transport for London www.tfl.gov.uk
- The Highway Code https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highwaycode







#### Key Method Resources Reasons for Slide 43 Introduce the lesson using Slide 43 stressing the journey planning need for effective journey planning to reduce stress, save money and meet customer requirements. Show **Slide 44** (heading only) and ask participants Plan why they need to plan a journey. Give them a couple your journe of minutes to discuss this in groups or pairs then ask for their ideas. Note these on the flipchart, using the slide notes as a guide. Slide 44 Then consolidate by revealing the bullet points on Slide 44. Ask what they need to take into account when planning a journey. Write their answers on the flipchart which might include: To reduce stress The need to meet the driving hour limits and rest periods Flipchart The need to avoid driving at times that could lead to higher risk (eg very early morning, hours Slide notes of darkness, rush hour, school arrival/leaving times) Conditions that could affect vehicle safety and speed (eg adverse weather, road works, congestion) Road restrictions (eg speed limits, constraints on vehicle size, road works, hazards) Customer requirements (eg required delivery times) Stress that, because of factors such as these, the shortest or usual route is not necessarily the best route. How to plan a Slide 45 Slide 45 (show heading only) - Ask about/discuss ways of avoiding or minimising the potential impact of journey some of the main risk factors, eg long journeys, poor weather, congestion, road works, school arrival and leaving times. Reveal the bullet points on **Slide 45**, pointing out that, although journey planning may seem like common sense, it is surprising how problems often arise because fleet managers and drivers fail to plan 5 mins **Flipchart** effectively in advance. **Explain the WRRR requirements and FORS** Slide notes Standards mentioned in the slide notes.







#### Key Method Resources Using the correct Show Slide 46 and stress the importance of using the Slide 46 routes planned routes or those specified by customers. Refer participants to Section 3 of the Driver Using the correct It is important to use the correct routes to site to avoid: Handbook, which gives more information about route planning. 5 mins Parking and Show Slide 47 and ask: Do you know how to park Slide 47 loading and load/unload safely? Journey planning: parking and loading Definition – Must be a continuous act! Trainer to explain each scenario with the group. Slide 48 – Safe and legal? 10 mins Legal in some circumstances but not safe. Slide 48 Unloading or loading for commercial purposes is permitted on single or double yellow lines Loading or unloading must be obvious and continuous and must not exceed 20 mins for cars or light goods vehicles, and there must not be waiting restriction kerb markings or signs in place Note that the vehicle is parked on a pavement. Highway Code rule 244 says "You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it." Local authorities (in England) can make an order prohibiting parking on the pavement. If this is the case, then there will be signs that clearly point out on a particular road where parking on the pavement is specifically prohibited. The penalty for contravening this will be a fixed penalty notice Parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence of obstruction being committed. This could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued to offending vehicles. It can also cause danger/nuisance for pedestrians and wheelchairs users Note that in addition to parking on the pavement, the van is parked near a junction and causing an obstruction to vehicles turning into the road.







Key Method Resources Slide 49 Parking and Slide 49 - Safe and legal? loading Safe and legal assuming conditions on red route [continued] signage are met Slide 50 - Safe and legal? Slide 50 Safe and legal assuming conditions on any signage are met and the bay isn't marked as restricted in any way Slide 51 – Safe and legal? Slide 51 Illegal and unsafe. Unloading or loading for commercial purposes are permitted on single or double yellow lines but vehicle is facing wrong direction Loading or unloading must be obvious and continuous and must not exceed 20 mins for cars or light goods vehicles and there must not be waiting restriction kerb markings or signs in place Note that the vehicle is parked on a pavement. Highway Code rule 244 says "You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it." Local authorities (in England) can make an order prohibiting parking on the pavement. If this is the case, then there will be signs which clearly point out on a particular road where parking on the pavement is specifically prohibited. The penalty for contravening this will be a fixed penalty notice Parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence of obstruction being committed. This could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued to offending vehicles. It can also cause danger/nuisance for pedestrians and wheelchair users Note that in addition to parking on the pavement, the van is parked near a junction, with the stop line visible.







Key	Method	Resources
Parking and loading [continued]	Then look at the DOs and DON'Ts of loading/unloading and discuss why it's important to observe the law.	
	Slide 52 – Safe and legal?	Slide 52
	• Illegal and unsafe. Do not load or unload within 10 metres of a junction or within white zig zag lines. White zig-zag lines are classed as a dual enforcement restriction. You cannot park on these at any time and both the council and the police can issue tickets. The police fine also carries penalty points	Safe and legal?  White 1 Pet and purpose  12
	<ul> <li>Parking here will also seriously obstruct vehicles trying to pass the parked van</li> </ul>	
	Slide 53 – Safe and legal?	Slide 53
	Safe and legal. Note – marked clearly as a loading bay	Safe and legal?  Safe and legal?  Make 1 Pot only progres  5
	Slide 54 – Safe and legal?	Slide 54
	<ul> <li>Legal and safe to park in a marked loading bay. Note, however, that it would be illegal to park in the bay behind it because it is marked and reserved for disabled drivers</li> <li>If the bay is an on-street Blue Badge parking bay, it is an offence for anyone to park there without displaying a valid Blue Badge</li> </ul>	Safe and legal?  Note: 1 Part of proper  54
	Note that the van on the left is travelling, not parked.	







### Key Method Resources Loading and Slide 55 - Loading and unloading Slide 55 unloading Notes: You can usually park for up to 20 mins while making a delivery in dedicated loading bays Only load/unload from roads marked with single and double yellow lines if there are no loading restrictions Slide notes You can load/unload from residential parking bays, meters and residents' parking bays (if you have to) You can load/unload on Red Routes and other specialist thoroughfares (specially marked bays and signs indicate when and where loading or unloading is permitted) Discuss the PCNs: the need to avoid getting them in the first place and the importance of keeping a record of circumstantial evidence if you are issued with one. Slide 56 Slide 56 Notes: Where there are yellow stripes on the kerb, loading is prohibited at the times shown on the nearby plates



times shownDon't use loading and unloading bays for waiting,

One stripe means no loading or unloading at the

Two stripes mean the loading restrictions apply

during every working day

 Don't use loading and unloading bays for waiting, parking or picking up or dropping off a passenger or remain in the bay when you have finished loading or unloading goods

Show **Slide 57** and discuss PCNs: the need to avoid getting them in the first place and the importance of keeping a record of circumstantial evidence if you are issued with one.

#### Slide 57



Slide notes







### Key Method Resources Anti-idling Show Slide 58 and ask the group: 'Why is it important Slide 58 to avoid idling the engine?' Then reveal the reasons given and discuss – it's to save fuel and improve air quality. Depending on the nature of the operation and vehicle types, fleet operators can expect fuel savings in the region of 1 to 5 per cent. With modern vehicles, the cost of switching off the Slide notes engine and starting up again after a minute or more is less than the cost of leaving the engine idling. Point out that if all drivers in central London switched off their engines, rather than idling unnecessarily, for one minute each day this could reduce PM10 (particulate matter) emissions by at least 286g per day (at least 90kg per year). Slide 59 Slide 59 – How can you avoid idling? Ask the question in the header before revealing the answers Slide 60 Slide 60 - Fuel-efficient driving Ask how they can use fuel more efficiently before revealing the answers Note: Drive smoothly; read the road ahead so you can keep moving as much as possible, and avoid harsh acceleration and braking Slide notes Change gear without labouring the engine **Driver Handbook** (around 2,000rpm in a diesel van or around Flipchart 2,500rpm in a petrol van) Turn off heated rear windscreen, demister blowers and headlights when you do not need them. Trainer to explain the top tips and refer to relevant references.











## Lesson 4: Stick to the basics

Sticking to the basics means operating within the essential framework of the law. These basic points might seem obvious but many drivers have forgotten about them or choose not to observe them. It is worth revisiting them today because there are serious consequences of not observing them.

This lesson aims to remind participants of the legal rules and common sense principles of professional driving.



## Lesson 4 objectives

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able

- Identify the importance of observing the basic safety rules for van drivers
- State the speed limits on different types of roads



### 🎎 Lesson 4 learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Explain the basic principles of road safety
- Say why tailgating is dangerous and illegal
- State the speed limits for the types of vehicles that they drive
- Identify the main items inside the cab that could distract them when driving



### Key learning points

The importance of:

- Following good practice guidelines to keep you and any passengers safe during your journey
- Being aware of the speed limits that apply to the van you're driving
- Avoiding any distractions whilst driving
- Being aware it's illegal to use any type of hand-held technology whilst driving
- Not tailgating



### Timing

45 minutes

It is important to stick to the timings detailed in the lesson plan.



### Further information

Refer to the following documents and/or links for more information.

Driver distraction: RoSPA http://www.rospa.com/roadsafety/advice/drivers/distraction/factsheet/#effects







#### Key Method Resources Module 2 Welcome participants back from the break. Slide 61 Welcome and objectives Show the Module 2 title slide and then move on to tell participants about the module objectives: Welcome Module 2: Operate professionally Identify the importance of observing the basic safety rules for van drivers 5 mins Slide notes State the speed limits on different types of roads Slide 62 Explain why some other road users feel vulnerable and what would make them feel safer Identify the characteristics of a professional driver Explain how defensive driving can help you to identify and avoid hazards Safety – the Slide 63 - Introduce the lesson by saying that we all Slide 63 basics develop our own driving style and habits over time. FORS and often do not realise that we could improve our driving. However, we would all benefit from reminding ourselves of the 'basics' to help make Stick to our driving safer, more environmentally friendly and the basics less stressful. Acknowledge any of these basics that they already 5 mins mentioned during the icebreaker activity. These will be noted on the flipchart. Slide 64 Slide 64 – Discuss options with the group. Ask for their top tips, explaining that there are no right or wrong answers to this question as everyone will have top tips for professional driv a valid opinion based on their years of experience. Give them a couple of minutes to write down their Then go round the group asking them what they think and note these down on flipchart. It does not matter if two or more have the same tip – this just underlines the importance of that item







#### Key Method Resources Safety - the Show **Slide 65** – heading only – and ask 'What are Slide 65 the basics of good driving?' Give them time to come basics up with a few ideas and then reveal and discuss the [continued] bullet points. Don't use mobile phones, in-vehicle technology while These are the 'basic' topics that will be covered in this part of today's course. Then ask what might happen if they don't stick to Slide notes the basics **Flipchart** Note their responses on the flipchart Use the slide notes to prompt and consolidate the points that participants may mention Keeping you and Slide 66 - Again, (the DOs and DON'Ts) may well Slide 66 pick up on the 'top tips' activity that the group passengers safe carried out at the beginning of the lesson. Make sure you and passe Show the slides and discuss the basics of keeping people safe. Acknowledge any relevant flipchart points that people 5 mins brought up during the earlier 'top tips' activity. Only carry passengers if your company allows it Only carry one passenger per seat Drive safely – anticipate and adjust to road and traffic conditions Drive smoothly, avoid sudden harsh braking and rapid acceleration Ensure the van is in roadworthy condition – check that brakes, lights, engine and warning systems are all in working order Concentrate on the road – driving 'in a fog' or 'on autopilot' increases the risk of collisions Slide 67 - Use the following additional notes as you Slide 67 discuss the don'ts of safe driving: Make sure you and passengers Any type of distraction can interfere with the driver's ability to concentrate on the road To keep you and any passengers safe, avoid eating, drinking, smoking, listening to loud music, arguing with or being distracted by passengers Slide notes







Key	Method	Resources
Keeping you and passengers safe [continued]	<ul> <li>Using a phone hands-free while driving does not significantly reduce the risks – the issues are mainly caused by the mental distraction of taking part in a conversation at the same time as driving</li> </ul>	
Distractions  10 mins	<ul> <li>Slide 68 - Talk briefly about the importance of keeping concentration high while driving.</li> <li>Mention that RoSPA's report on Driver Distraction, which indicates that 78 per cent of crashes and 65 per cent of near crashes has inattention as a contributing factor. Distracted drivers underestimate the effects that distraction has on them, and do not perceive their reduced ability to spot hazards.</li> <li>Many of these distractions come from inside the vehicle.</li> <li>Show the image of the inside of a van with various distractions</li> <li>Ask the group to identify the distractions in this image</li> <li>Give them a few minutes to make notes then find out who has identified the most distractions</li> <li>Bring the exclamation marks up one by one and debrief, using the slide notes as a prompt</li> <li>Refer participants to Section 4.4 of the Driver Handbook, which gives more information about distractions.</li> </ul>	Slide 68    Control of
Safe use of invehicle technology  5 mins	<ul> <li>Another 'basic' is safe use of mobiles and sat navs.</li> <li>Show Slide 69 and discuss the safe use of mobile phones while driving.</li> <li>Point out that it is never safe to use a hand-held mobile phone or sat nav – even when driving slowly</li> <li>Mention Highway Code Rule 149 - You must not use a hand-held mobile phone, or similar device, when driving</li> <li>Even using a hands-free phone is likely to distract a driver's attention from the road</li> <li>Refer participants to Section 4.3 of the Driver Handbook, which gives more information about in-vehicle technology.</li> </ul>	Slide 69  Safe use of in-vehicle technology  Phones and set navy are a dangerous distraction, so:  A typical set of the property of the pressages and return calls  Set of the period of the property of the pressages and return calls  Stocked and the period of the perio







Key	Method	Resources
Speed limits 10 mins	Speed limits are another 'basic' that drivers need to be aware of.  Say that speed limits are there to maintain safety for all road users. If you break the speed limit you are putting yourself, your vehicle and other road users in danger.  The Highway Code Rule 124 states that you must not exceed the maximum speed limits for the road and for your vehicle.  We all think we know the speed limits – but do we really?  Show Slide 70 and ask the questions, one by one  After discussing the group's responses, show Slide 71, which summarises the speed limits  Point out that the speed limit is the absolute maximum - it doesn't mean it's safe to drive at }this speed in all conditions  Refer participants to Section 4.1 of the Driver Handbook, which gives more information about speed limits.	Slide 70  What are the speed limits for vans?  In built-up areas? On single carriagoways? On dual carriagoways? On motorways?  Slide notes  Driver Handbook  Highway Code: Rule 124  Slide 71  What are the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Type of various area of the speed limits for vans?  Slide notes  Slide notes
Tailgating  5 mins	<ul> <li>Slide 72 - Tailgating is a big problem on the roads and this is something that professionals would never do because it is dangerous and illegal.</li> <li>Show Slide 72 and ask:</li> <li>What is tailgating?</li> <li>Why is it against the law?</li> <li>Use the slide notes to review and consolidate the group's responses.</li> <li>You could also ask them what to do if they are the victims of tailgating.</li> <li>Section 4.5 of the Driver Handbook gives more details on tailgating.</li> </ul>	Slide 72  Tailgating is against the law. Police new have powers to issue fixed on the aperiporalises of up to £100.  What is subjectory What is subjectory Why is a spainst The law?  Slide notes











## Lesson 5: Consider others

Considering others, particularly vulnerable road users (VRUs), will make your journey safer and help to keep other road users safe. Aggressive driving not only looks bad, but it's dangerous and it is intimidating, particularly to VRUs who often need more time to cross the road or make a manoeuvre at a junction.

This lesson aims to encourage participants to understand what it's like to be a VRU and act as a precursor to their 'Exchanging Places' experience in Module 3.



## Lesson 5 objective

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able to:

Explain why some other road users feel vulnerable and what would make them feel safer



## Lesson 5 learning outcomes

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able to:

- Identify the most vulnerable road users
- Say why these VRUs feel vulnerable
- Explain what they can do to help VRUs feel less vulnerable



# Key learning points

The importance of:

- Showing respect to other road users
- Sharing the road safely with all other users
- Being aware of how VRUs may behave



20 minutes It is important to stick to the timings detailed in the lesson plan.



### Further information

Refer to the following documents and/or links for more information.

- Travel in London Report 7: https://www.tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documen ts/travel-in-london-report-7.pdf
- Cycle superhighway programme: https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/ transport/cycling-and-walking
- Drivers and vulnerable road users: RoSPA http://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/adviceservices/road-safety/drivers/vulnerableroadusers.pdf
- Protecting vulnerable road users: Brake http:// www.brakepro.org/assets/docs/practitionertools/FSFguidance-07-vulnerable-roadusers.pdf







#### Key Method Resources Put yourself in Introduce the lesson by saying that considering Slide 73 others' shoes others, particularly VRUs, is another vital aspect of a professional driver's approach. This will make drivers' journeys safer and help to keep other road users safe. Consider To become more considerate, it helps to put yourself in others' shoes. others The aim of this activity is to encourage drivers to become more aware of how it feels to be a VRU. It asks them to try to see the world from other 20 mins points of view. Ask participants to work in four groups for this activity: **Pedestrians** Motorcyclists Slide 74 Cyclists Put yourself in others' shoe Horse riders You can either: Distribute the illustrated cards and a piece of flipchart paper to the relevant groups so they can Slide notes work round a table, or Activity cards (see below) Attach four sheets of flipchart paper at intervals Flipchart paper round the walls and stick a different card at the top of each one. In this case they will stand in a group Possible response to make notes on the flipchart paper cards (see below) Give them a few minutes to discuss the three questions (Who are you? What makes you feel vulnerable? What would make you feel safe?) and note their responses on the flipchart paper. Then ask them to report back in turn to the full group. Use the notes in Section 5 of the Driver Handbook and the 'possible responses cards' to help you review and prompt their responses. Use Slides 74 and 75 to summarise the reasons why Slide 75 people feel vulnerable and how to help them feel FORS safer. Refer participants to Section 5 of the Driver Handbook, which gives more information about sharing the road safely with VRUs. Mention that Module 3 of this programme will be a practical opportunity to find out exactly what it feels

like to be a cyclist out on the streets!



Slide notes





Key	Method	Resources
Put yourself in others' shoes [continued]	Go through the bullet points on Slide 76.	Consider others: How to help vulnerable road users (VRUs) feel safe  Plan, nor role to print heary rare a should at the beginning or and of the stood day.  Use you receive to get in teams early.  One whorete need user anyte the end space.  Does worthly not carefully.  Do not treat speed finite as a timper.  Brown the varegulated.  Tale gride the your ability to keep unders sude.
		Driver Handbook











### Put yourself in others' shoes – card activity

## **Pedestrians**

- Who are you?
- What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?
- What would make you feel safer?

# Motorcyclists

- Who are you?
- What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?
- What would make you feel safer?

# Cyclists

- Who are you?
- What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?
- What would make you feel safer?

### Horse riders

- Who are you?
- What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?
- What would make you feel safer?







### Put yourself in others' shoes – possible responses

### **Pedestrians**

• Who are you?

Children, all ages, parents/pushchairs, schoolchildren, older/disabled people, commuters, tourists

What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?

No protection, disability, wheelchair, slow, being distracted, playing (games/music), bad weather, drivers not seeing me

What would make you feel safer?

Drivers noticing me, slowing down, giving way, and giving me time and space

## Motorcyclists

Who are you?

Inexperienced riders, all ages, commuters, police, couriers, delivery riders

What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?

No protection, poor weather, being distracted, drivers not seeing me, drivers too close

What would make you feel safer?

Drivers noticing me, slowing down, giving way, and giving me time and space, wearing Hi-Vis, info/training

## **Cyclists**

• Who are you?

Young riders, older riders, occasional riders, tourists, commuters, police, couriers, delivery riders

What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?

No protection, poor weather, lack of confidence/skill, being distracted, drivers not seeing me, drivers too close

• What would make you feel safer?

Drivers seeing me, slowing down, more space, cycle tracks, Hi-Vis, info/training

### Horse riders

Who are you?

All ages, police, military

What makes you feel vulnerable when you are on the road?

No protection, poor weather, lack of confidence/skill, drivers not seeing me, drivers too close, loud noises

What would make you feel safer?

Drivers noticing me, slowing down, giving way and giving me time/space, Hi-Vis, info/training







# Lesson 6: Act professionally

A professional van driver is someone that behaves in a positive, courteous and business-like way. These behaviours must embrace every aspect of the job from administration, driving style, to dealing with customers, colleagues and members of the public. Drivers must take care to keep their own appearance and that of their vehicle clean and professional.

This lesson aims to help drivers to develop their professionalism in all aspects of their jobs.



## Lesson 6 objectives

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able

- Identify the characteristics of a professional driver
- Explain how defensive driving can help them to identify and avoid hazards



## Lesson 6 learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Share the road and behave courteously with other road users
- Keep accurate records to ensure continuous improvement
- Perceive and anticipate hazards that may arise in urban environments



### Key learning points

The importance of:

- Behaving courteously at all times
- Being aware of the hazards of driving on urban roads and under different weather and traffic conditions
- Applying defensive driving techniques
- Demonstrating correct procedures when carrying, presenting and completing paperwork



### **Timing**

40 minutes

It is important to stick to the timings detailed in the lesson plan.



### Further information

Refer to the following documents and/or links for more information.

FORS standard: FORS Community Partnership

http://www.fors-online.org.uk







#### Resources Key Method What makes a Slide 77 Introduce the lesson by saying that sitting behind a professional wheel and being paid for it does not make a driver a FORS professional. Professional drivers always show respect for themselves, other road users and the Act professionally Show the guestion at the top of **Slide 78**, ask for ideas then reveal the bullets. Next, lead a discussion on the differences between a non-professional and a professional driver. If appropriate, refer back to the top tips that they contributed at the beginning of the module. Reveal **Slide 78** bullets to consolidate and add to the Slide 78 points they may have made. Then show Slide 79 and ask: Are there any professional road users in the photo? (elicit: van driver) Who else is in the picture? (elicit: cyclist, pedestrians) Slide 79 Would you describe them as professional road users? Do they have the same level of experience and training as you? (elicit: no or probably not) Which vehicle in this photo is heaviest, can go fastest, and could cause the most damage? (elicit: the van) It's good then that a professional is driving the van! Changing travel Show **Slide 80** and explain that, like it or not, VRUs Slide 80 are here to stay and their numbers are set to increase trends over the next few years. According to the 2011 census, the percentag So professional van drivers need to learn to share the roads safely with others through professional and courteous behaviour. Research carried out in 2014 showed that: Slide notes Bikes made up around 16 per cent of traffic in central London, rising to around a guarter or even half of all journeys on some routes during peak 2014 was also a record for hires on London's Cycle Hire scheme, with 10,023,987 journeys made - up five per cent on 2012 (the previous highest year) and 25 per cent on 2013







Key Method Resources Changing travel Slide 81 provides a good example of how cycling is Slide 81 being encouraged - Cycle Superhighways. These are trends FORS cycle routes running from outer London into and [continued] across central London. Running from outer Lor across central London Safer, faster and more d into the city They give cyclists safer, faster and more direct Routes are journeys into the city with routes which are: Clearly marked Slide notes Easy to follow Continuous Slide 82 At least 1.5 metres wide The blue surfaces used to indicate the cycle routes are easy to recognise. Slide 82 - Follow with the true/false exercise on the rules relating to cyclists. Show the items one by one and ask participants to vote. Slide notes Use the slide notes to review their responses. Slide 83 Finish this sub-session with a Q&A and discussion on advanced stop lines (ASLs), using Slides 83 to 87 Advanced stop lines (ASLs) and the slide notes. Provide cyclists with an area in front of traffic when lights are red Cyclists are more easily visible to Note that ASLs provide an area for cyclists to wait in front of traffic when the lights are red. Cyclists in this area are more easily visible to motorists Slide notes and have space to move off when the lights turn green. Slide 84 You are at a signal controlled j ■ The lights are red There is an (ASL) box What should you do? Slide 85 Advanced stop lines (ASLs) If the lights are red, you MUST stop at the first ASL. Crossing the first or second ASL line Makes you liable for £100 fixed penalty Slide notes







Key Method Resources Changing travel Slide 86 trends Advanced stop lines (ASLs [continued] There is an ASL box You cannot safely stop befor the first stop line Slide 87 Advanced stop lines (ASLs) If you cannot stop safely before the first stop line: You MUST stop at the se Slide notes Share the road Slide 88 - Unfortunately, it's not always easy to Slide 88 behave courteously with cyclists and other road users! Show the video and discuss what they see. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ppR5 jJLGs Note: Highway Code Rule 146 - Be considerate -Be careful of and considerate towards all types of road users, especially those requiring extra care. YouTube video Discuss the need to: Highway Code 10 mins Try to be understanding if other road users cause Slide notes problems; they may be inexperienced or not know Driver Handbook the area well Be patient and positive; remember that anyone can make a mistake Not allow yourself to become agitated or involved if someone is behaving badly on the road. This will only make the situation worse. Pull over, calm down and when you feel more relaxed, continue your journey Slow down and hold back if a road user pulls out into your path at a junction. Allow them to get clear. Do not over-react by driving too close behind to intimidate them







#### Key Method Resources Share the road Use Slide 89 to consolidate key learning points from Slide 89 the film. [continued] Refer participants to Section 5.1 of the Driver Handbook, which gives more information about sharing the road safely with VRUs. Slide 90 Anticipate Develop the theme of anticipation by showing **Slide** 90. This slide also introduces the idea of defensive Professional drivers anticipat driving. Show Slide 90 (heading only) and: Ask if they know what defensive driving involves and the benefits of this approach 5 mins Then reveal the bullet points and text, and discuss Point out that, even if they drive defensively, things do sometimes go wrong. If they have an accident, they must make sure they follow company processes including collecting evidence which can be used in case of a dispute Refer participants to Section 6.5 of the Driver Handbook, which gives more information about defensive driving. Develop the theme of defensive driving by showing Slide 91 Slide 91 - Defensive driving. Note: Defensive driving is designed to heighten your awareness of everything happening around you while driving. If you realise that every time you get in a car there is risk involved, you increase your **Flipchart** chances that you won't be involved in a collision Driver Handbook Defensive drivers are ever watchful and careful. They can quickly identify and predict potential road problems and then immediately decide and act appropriately to avoid dangers and accidents Drivers who practice defensive driving are not easily affected by other drivers who may exhibit bad driving behaviour







Key	Method	Resources
Anticipate [continued]	<ul> <li>Slide 92 – How to drive defensively</li> <li>Note that drivers:</li> <li>Need to leave more distance in adverse weather conditions</li> <li>Should use the horn in compliance with Rules 112 and 214 of the Highway Code</li> <li>Defensive driving:</li> <li>Helps to save lives</li> <li>Reduces driver stress</li> <li>Leads to fewer incidents of road rage or aggressive driving</li> <li>Saves money - driving smoothly and steadily is highly fuel efficient and gets you there just as quickly</li> </ul>	How to drive defensively  How to drive defensively  Look as law control of the co
Hazard perception  10 mins	Introduce this activity by saying that defensive drivers are ever watchful and careful. They can quickly identify and predict potential road problems and then immediately decide and act appropriately to avoid dangers and accidents.  Explain that they are going to do an activity that asks them to identify and avoid the potential hazards that they may have to deal with in urban environments.  Don't distribute the cards till after you have explained what to do with them!  Ask them to work in groups to:  Look at the cards that describe situations that drivers often encounter in urban environments  Note down the thoughts that should be going through their minds if they were the person at the wheel  For example:  'A young person standing at the side of the road is talking on his mobile phone'  What if?  He crosses the road without looking.  Distribute the cards round the group, giving one to each person if possible.	Hazard perception and anticipation  Local at the cards when describe hazards that constructions when the property and the cards that construct on the thought that should be going when the same that the property of the crosses the road without tooling.  'What if?' cards — set one  Flipchart paper for each group for rough working







Key	Method	Resources
Hazard perception [continued]	<ul> <li>Ask them discuss these situations in pairs or small groups and then note their responses</li> <li>They should also discuss what action they could take to avoid problems that may arise</li> <li>Then go round the group, asking for and discussing what they might anticipate happening in each set of circumstances, and how they might minimise the risks of something going wrong</li> <li>Use the model answer cards to help in the debrief session. You may or may not choose to distribute these.</li> <li>Finish by discussing the benefits of defensive driving, which are that it:</li> <li>Helps to save lives</li> <li>Reduces driver stress</li> <li>Leads to fewer incidents of road rage or aggressive driving</li> <li>Saves money (driving smoothly and steadily is highly fuel efficient and gets you there just as quickly)</li> </ul>	
Professional behaviour  5 mins	Use Slides 94-96 to explain and discuss what is meant by professional and courteous behaviour. The slides detail three important aspects:  Looking smart  Interacting courteously with others  Keeping accurate records  Slide 95 – Professional drivers are courteous Note:  Mind how you talk to people – be polite even if they are not!  When unloading a vehicle, be considerate to other road users in choosing where and how you park the vehicle, as well as considering pedestrians on the pavement	Slide 94  Professional drivers look smart  Comply with your company's uniform or dress code policy  New your vehicle represents both you and your company's image!  Your vehicle represents both you and your company's image!  Slide notes  Slide 95  Professional drivers are courteous at all times Park your vehicle considerately Don't both the pavement when loading and unloading  Slide notes  Slide notes







Key	Method	Resources
Professional behaviour [continued]	<ul> <li>Don't block the pavement with boxes or unloading equipment. Less mobile pedestrians can find getting around you and your vehicle difficult. See Rule 247 of the Highway Code – Loading and unloading</li> <li>Slide 96 – Professional drivers keep records</li> <li>Before presenting this slide, assess your audience and tailor your message to fit. This is because drivers and fleet operators keep different records.</li> <li>Note:</li> <li>The main purpose of record keeping is to identify and rectify any problems before they get out of hand</li> <li>Drivers' hours rules: If drivers drive more than four hours per day or go beyond 50km of base, they must keep a record of driving hours. These records must be kept for two years</li> <li>It is vital to keep accurate records/evidence of a road accident both to track any problems and for self-protection if there is a legal dispute</li> <li>FORS Standard O5 – Record control: Fleet operators shall ensure that all records of accidents</li> </ul>	Slide 96  Professional drivers keep records  Record keeping is used to:  Montre operational efficiency/productively Crock confuses with extense constats Influence has adding of your vincins Accurate record keeping and reporting ensures continuous improvement.
	are retained and controlled	







### What if?' cards – set one for completion

1. You are in a suburban street and are about to pass a bus halted at a stop with its left indicator flashing.

What if ...?

2. You are passing a row of parked cars.

What if ...?

3. You are in a slow moving traffic jam and you want to turn left.

What if ...?

4. You see an emergency vehicle ahead halted with its lights flashing.







5.	A cyclist is riding	
	towards the middle	of
	the road ahead.	

What if ...?

6. A child is playing with a football on the pavement.

What if ...?

7. You are coming up to a T-junction at twilight.

What if ...?

8. After a long dry spell there is a sudden heavy rain shower.







9. There is a large articulated lorry in front of you which is indicating that it wants to turn left.

What if ...?

10. When you are waiting at a junction, a vehicle coming from the right is signalling left.

What if ...?

11. You are following a car that is indicating right.

What if ...?

12. You are driving in adverse weather conditions and visibility is very poor.







13. You are following a motorbike along a road that is pitted with potholes.

What if ...?

14. You are in a busy town centre. The pavements are crowded with pedestrians and there are shops, pubs and restaurants on either side.

What if ...?

15. An older person is crossing a side street ahead of you.

What if ...?

16. You are in a quiet suburban area on a hot day and see an ice cream van parked ahead.







17. You are following a driver who is driving slowly and seems to be lost.

What if ...?

18. You are driving behind a vehicle that is indicating to turn left but the road on the left has a no entry sign at its entrance.

What if ...?

19. You are driving along a main road and see a cyclist approaching from a side street on your left, heading towards the junction line and indicating left.

What if ...?

20. You are approaching a crossroads and a car is parked on the corner of the junction.







21. You are approaching a zebra crossing and notice that pedestrians are close by.

What if ...?

22. You are driving to your delivery point and you are in danger of missing your delivery time slot.







# Closing session

Key	Method	Resources
Review 4 mins	<ul> <li>Slide 97 introduces closing session.</li> <li>Go round the group, asking participants to say:</li> <li>What they will take with them from the course</li> <li>How they will implement their learning in their work</li> <li>Slide 98 summarises key learning points.</li> </ul>	Slide 97  Closing session
		Remember, it's all about:    Presering yoursel   Creating your whice   Presering your whice   Stricting by the Basics   Creating to the Basics   Acting professionally
OPTIONAL if time permits  Van Smart Quiz  - check your knowledge  10-20 mins	If time permits, use either the paper-based sheets that follow or the Van Smart Quiz – Check your knowledge PowerPoint slides.  The purpose of the multiple-choice quiz is to find out how much participants have learned during the course.  There are 20 questions in total.  Paper-based  Ask them to note their name and today's date at the top of the quiz sheet  Tell them they simply put a line through an appropriate letter (A, B, C, D) to indicate their answer  When they have finished, go through the answers verbally and ask participants to mark their own papers  Ask participants to enter their score and return the completed quiz papers and pens to you	Paper copies of question sheets







Key	Method	Resources
OPTIONAL if time permits  Van Smart Quiz  – check your knowledge  [continued]	<ul> <li>Quiz PowerPoint slides</li> <li>As a group activity, display each question on screen and ask participants to agree on the correct answer(s)</li> <li>After each question, the following slide shows the correct answer(s)</li> </ul>	Slides 99-139  Van Smart Quiz Check your knowledge
Close  1 min	Explain to participants that there is a further module available (Module 3) where they can experience first-hand how it feels to be a vulnerable road user (VRU). Thank them for their attendance and participation today and close.	Slide 140  Thank you for attending the Van Smart theory modules 1 and 2  Van Kontin Rong middles  To All Kontin Rong middles







# Module 3: On-cycle practical

This module is designed to help participants improve safety by increasing their hazard perception skills and adopting defensive and advanced driving skills.

Please use the guidance and information provided within this trainer pack to ensure that the course delivery is consistent and that the objectives and key learning points are achieved.



# Module 3 objective

At the end of the lesson, participants will be able to:

Gain first-hand experience as a vulnerable road user (VRU) through on-cycle hazard awareness, and recognise why cyclists behave the way they do.



# Module 3 learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate control of a bike
- Demonstrate where to ride on the road and the use and limitations of cycle infrastructure
- Tackle challenging roads and traffic situations
- Demonstrate how and when to pass queuing traffic
- Identify and react to hazardous road surfaces



210 minutes

It is important to stick to the timings detailed in the lesson plan.

#### **Notes**

- All training sessions are fully risk assessed and there is a ratio of one cycle instructor for every six riders. Any risks are taken with control measures in place and in the knowledge that providing realistic experience significantly decreases future risks to both VRUs and drivers.
- The training takes place mainly on single carriageway roads, near the training centre. Roads used normally have a 20 or 30mph limit.
- An alternative classroom-based module is available if weather conditions (heavy rain, ice or snow, strong winds) are too hazardous for riding.
- Drivers' ability to cycle is established before the start of the training by means of a signed declaration. Their current competence is assessed off-road, and those without adequate riding skills are advised to observe at drill sites or attend a theory-only course.
- Participants' health is established before the start of the training by means of a signed declaration.

#### **Materials**

- Registration document
- Consent forms
- Pens
- Completed risk assessment
- Bikes, helmets and Hi-Vis (for 12 trainees)
- Feedback forms







#### Before the module starts

- Discuss health and safety issues with the venue co-ordinator, including emergency assembly areas, external break areas and toilet facilities.
- 2. If there are any visually or hearing-impaired participants in the group, find out whether or not they have any special requirements. Do this discreetly to respect any sensitivity.
- 3. Read out the following safety brief:

This training is designed to be insightful, enjoyable and achievable. We will be stopping at regular intervals to discuss the learning points of each scenario. You are expected to take part in all activities. Should you have any concerns, please discuss these with the trainers. If you feel you cannot complete the session, you must inform one of the trainers immediately, who will arrange for you to be taken back to the training centre.

Dynamic risk assessments will be conducted by the instructors throughout this training. All cycle trainers are trained to observe you (the participants), the training environment and the bicycles during the session.

#### **DOs and DON'Ts**

#### Do

- Use the personal protective equipment (PPE) provided
- Keep an eye out for each other
- · Ride in the manner described by the instructors
- Ask questions

#### Don't

- Ride off on your own
- Perform any tricks or stunts
- Make adjustments to your bicycle on the move







# Module 3: On-cycle practical – timetable

Time	Activity
20 mins	Welcome and Lesson 1: Exchanging Places – driver attitude and perception
70 mins	Lesson 2: Introduction to active travel – driver fitness and health
120 mins	Lesson 3: Hazard awareness and cyclist behaviour
10 mins	Module 3 summary and evaluation
3.5 hours	Total training time











# Lesson 1: Exchanging Places – driver attitude and perception

The purpose of this lesson is to help drivers to appreciate why increasing numbers of people are riding bikes in urban environments. The lesson also sets out to emphasise the driver's role in reducing risks for cyclists.

Location: Classroom

Time: 20 minutes

Key	Method	Time
Welcome	Welcome participants, introduce yourself and run through housekeeping issues: fire, toilets, refreshments and so on. Then briefly outline the module timetable so that they know what to expect.	3 mins
Introductions	Ask each person to tell the group a little about themselves and the job they do. Try to keep the mood light-hearted, as some people may be nervous.	3 mins
Benefits	Ask the group if they have noticed an increase in cycling and why this is.  They may say that cycling in the city is much safer nowadays because of investment by the UK Government. This has brought infrastructure changes such as cycle superhighways, advanced stop lines (ASLs) and quietways.  Try to elicit a range of benefits of cycling, such as:  Saving money  A convenient and fun way to get fitter  Quicker journey times  Health improvements (obesity, diabetes, heart problems, wellbeing)  The switch from car use reduces congestion, and air pollution is improved  More cycling has a positive influence on climate change Sum up by saying that active travel brings benefits to both individuals and society. It is widely acknowledged that cycling is one of the best ways for people to achieve good health and fitness.	5 mins







Key	Method	Time
Driver/cyclist interactions	Discuss driver/cyclist interactions such as making eye contact. The effects of this can be positive or negative!  Mention that both riders and drivers demonstrate differing standards. Both poor driving and cycling can cause potential conflict.  Cyclists trying to reduce their own risk may annoy drivers without knowing it.	3 mins
Common misconceptions about cycling	Address some common misconceptions about cyclists. Ask: 'What annoys you?' Using the information give the following factual answers:  Cyclists don't always wear helmets and Hi-Vis In the UK there is no law regarding this, it's personal choice.  Cyclists don't always use cycle lanes In some circumstances it's more risky to ride in the cycle lane. This will be covered in the practical session.  Cyclists don't pay road tax  Tax is on vehicle emissions. Low emission vehicles (including electric cars) are exempt.  Cyclists are not insured  While many have third party insurance, cyclists (and pedestrians) are not legally bound to be insured. Statistically these road users are less likely to harm others.  Cyclists often ride in the middle of the lane  Yes - to minimise risk, not to annoy drivers. This will be covered in the practical session.  Cyclists run red lights  Yes - some do break the law. In the same way, some drivers speed or talk on mobiles while driving.  Cyclists sometimes listen to music while riding  Yes - this may reduce concentration and it is not advised while riding or driving.  Note that some participants may feel that cyclists' behaviours are negative. You will have the opportunity to explore possible reasons during the on-road training.	5 mins







Key	Method	Time
Exchanging Places	Read out the following to explain what Exchanging Places does:  The Exchanging Places programme brings together the Metropolitan Police Service, London boroughs and operators to educate cyclists of vehicle blind spots. The Metropolitan Police Service and City of London Police hold regular Exchanging Places sessions. These events give cyclists the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of a HGV or bus. This allows the cyclist to see what the driver can and cannot see at the kerbside and directly in front of their vehicle. 97 per cent of cyclists who have taken part in these events say they will change their behaviour as a result.	1 min







### Lesson 2: Introduction to active travel – driver fitness and health

The purpose of this lesson is to show drivers how to control and ride a bike safely and efficiently.

Location: Outdoor off-road training area with hard-standing or tarmac

Time: 70 minutes

Key	Method	Time
Bike safety check	Explain and demonstrate safety checks. The principle is the same as checking your vehicle:  • Limit mechanical failure  • Demonstrate how to adjust helmets and saddles	10 mins
Basic skills	<ul> <li>Explain and demonstrate the following skills:</li> <li>Getting on and off a bike</li> <li>Starting and stopping (using both brakes)</li> <li>Basic bike handling</li> <li>Tell participants they are now going to experience riding as individuals and in a group, using circle and linear riding activities as appropriate.</li> <li>Discuss guidelines for group riding (which will inform the snaking activity).</li> </ul>	20 mins
Using gears	<ul> <li>Explain and demonstrate:</li> <li>How to change up and down the gears to select the most appropriate for the road conditions</li> <li>Use circle and linear riding activities to practice changing gears as appropriate</li> </ul>	10 mins
Emergency stop	Explain that looking ahead and good road sense will minimise the need for emergency procedures. However, to protect themselves participants need to know how to perform an emergency stop.  Demonstrate the steps of an emergency stop:  Apply the brakes  Keep your weight to the rear  Ask participants to practise until proficient.	10 mins
Observations and signalling	Explain the importance of giving signals for turning in good time. At this stage you will need to decide whether participants are competent to join the snake to a drill site.	10 mins







Key	Method	Time
Controlled cycling	Next ask drivers to warm up by participating in some controlled cycling in preparation for the main part of the course. A good warm up prevents injury.  As they do this, note each rider's ability. Be careful not to stretch the abilities of weaker riders.	5 mins
People and bike checks	Finally, ask participants to carry out a secondary check of self and bike. This is good practice to prevent injury or mechanical failure.	5 mins

### Lesson 3: Hazard awareness and cyclist behaviour

The purpose of this lesson is to give riders an opportunity to ride in a variety of urban environments. In this way they gain first-hand experience of being a vulnerable road user (VRU).

Location: Two or three on-road locations

Time: 120 minutes

Key	Method	Time
Ride to drill site	The drill site should be an urban location with enough traffic for riders to interact with other road users. This is an opportunity for participants to experience cycling in a group, in single and/or double formation. They will find out how other road users react to a group.  When you arrive at the drill site, stop and discuss the experience of riding as a group and how they feel about this.	20 mins
On-road journey	Observe other road users in the training location, using them as teaching aids. Encourage the group to observe and comment on each other's riding.  Lead an on-road journey, having explained how to start and end the ride, pass a side road and pass parked vehicles. Riders must make sure they leave enough space to pass parked vehicles so they do not risk colliding with an opening door.  Tell them when and where to ride in the road (primary position) and when to ride to the left of the traffic stream to allow drivers to pass.  Explain the importance of good communications from a rider; signal only when someone may be affected by a manoeuvre.	20 mins







Key	Method	Time
Junction drills	The location for junction drills needs to be busier than the last location and be trafficked by lorries/buses if possible. It should be a single lane road (level 2).  Ask participants to observe and comment on how other road users negotiate junctions. Then discuss and demonstrate all the level 2 junction drills, telling riders:  To ride centrally in a lane for all drills  When to look back and when to signal others  To be aware that some riders will be in a vehicle's blind spot  Encourage all participants to attempt at least one junction drill, using U-turns to join up turns. Consider riding with participants who are concerned about riding in this environment.  At the end of this section ask participants:  Why is it risky to overtake cyclists at junctions?	25 mins
Negotiate – advanced stop line (ASL)	Simply discuss ASLs if there is no suitable location within reasonable distance of the training location.  In this case, you could lead a different level 3 drill, for example negotiating roundabouts or changing lanes on a multi-lane road.  If you are using multi-lane roads, you need to tell participants how to use bus lanes. If you are teaching at a roundabout, tell riders to position themselves centrally in the appropriate lane, as they would in a car.  Explain carefully how to negotiate ASLs, mentioning the following key points:  The risks/benefits of entering an ASL  The importance of filtering carefully through a stationary queue of traffic  The advantages of filtering to the right of a traffic queue at lights	25 mins







Key	Method	Time
Using a cycle lane	If possible, choose cycle lanes where there may be a reason for a rider not to use them.  Reiterate that riders do not have to use cycle lanes and may choose to ride in the carriageway. For example, the lane may pass parked cars or be close to a junction. However, these lanes can make a cycle journey safer, depending on the rider's experience and skills. This is because drivers are not allowed to enter the cycle lane (which has a solid white line).  When cycling:  • Keep within the lane whenever practicable	10 mins
	<ul> <li>Check that it is safe before leaving a cycle lane and signal your intention clearly to other road users</li> <li>Note:</li> <li>CYCLE LANES – Highway Code for Drivers: 140</li> <li>These are shown by road markings and signs. You MUST NOT drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a solid white line during its times of operation. Do not drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a broken white line unless it is unavoidable.</li> <li>You MUST NOT park in any cycle lane whilst waiting restrictions apply.</li> <li>[Law: RTRA sects 5 &amp; 8] 63</li> <li>Cycle lanes are marked by a white line (which may be broken) along the carriageway.</li> </ul>	
Return ride to site	Encourage participants to put into practice what they have learned during the session. Try to keep the group together.	20 mins











# Course summary and evaluation

Key	Method	Time/Resources
Course summary	Close the day by reading out the following:  Thank you all for your commitment today, I hope you enjoyed the training and have either been reminded of something or have learned something new. This training is designed to raise your awareness of vulnerable road users and I hope we achieved that today. You can make sure this training has been recorded for Driver CPC and contractual purposes by visiting the DVSA and FORS websites.  Driving is one of the most dangerous work activities, and is compounded further with a growing population, many of which are vulnerable road users. You as professional drivers will make a difference to the opinions of people by driving defensively, with the right attitude and giving consideration to all road	Course summary
	users.	
Evaluation	Use the evaluation form and ask participants to complete the remaining parts relevant to this module.	Evaluation form (from Section 3)

# End of course procedure

Key	Method	Resources
Lessons learned	Through the continuous delivery of training we learn lessons and discover opportunities for improvement. Review the evaluation forms, record any lessons learned and inform FORS in accordance with your company's course close down procedure.	











# Quiz papers/ answer sheets

If you chose not to run the quiz via the PowerPoint slides, these can be printed or copied from the pages that follow and the quiz conducted manually.

A full set of answer sheets is also included.













# Van Smart

Theory modules: Final confirmation of knowledge quiz













Name:	
Date:	
Score:	

### Van Smart: test your knowledge quiz

Welcome to the Van Smart – check your knowledge quiz.

Now you've completed the training, you'll be asked to answer 20 questions to test what you've learnt.

Read each question carefully before selecting your answer. Some questions require you to select more than one correct option.

1	Most fatigue-related collisions occur at night time. Choose one correct answer.
а	True
b	False

2	What is the legal alcohol limit for drivers in England? Choose one correct answer.
а	15 micrograms per 100ml of breath
b	22 micrograms per 100ml of breath
С	35 micrograms per 100ml of breath
d	107 micrograms per 100ml of breath

3	What does the Highway Code recommend for taking breaks when driving? Choose one correct answer.
а	15 minutes every 2 hours
b	30 minutes every 2 hours
С	20 minutes every 3 hours
d	20 minutes every hour







4	You have a Category B driving licence. Does this entitle you to drive a 3.5 tonne van? Choose one correct answer
а	Yes
b	No
С	Only with supervision
d	Additional training would be required

5	How often should you check your van's fluid levels? Choose one correct answer.
а	Before every journey
b	Once a day, before your journey
С	Once per week
d	This is checked in servicing and isn't my responsibility

6	When loading, where should the heaviest items be placed? Choose all that apply.
а	Nearest the centre line of the vehicle
b	Spread evenly on top of other items
С	Along one side of the van only
d	On the bottom, below other items

7	Which of the following should you consider when planning a route? Choose all that apply.
а	Cycle routes and road works
b	Weather conditions
С	When and where you can take a break
d	Road restrictions (speed restrictions, vehicle size)

8	In which of the following locations can you legally load and unload? Choose all that apply.
а	Roads marked with single yellow lines
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9	You suspect your load has shifted in transit. What should you do? Choose one correct answer.
а	Find the designated parking area and check the load
b	Pull over in a safe place and inform your employer immediately
С	Find the designated parking area, access the risks and inform the site safety manager immediately of your concerns
d	Stop as soon as it is safe to do so and check the load for stability

10	You are stuck in slow moving traffic. What is the most fuel efficient thing to do? Choose one correct answer.
а	Keep the engine on; it wastes more fuel to switch the engine off then back on again
b	Its efficient to keep moving where possible
С	Turn the engine off when it's obvious you'll be stationary for some time
d	Turn off the air conditioning but leave the engine running

11	You and any passengers must wear a seatbelt if one is fitted. How much can you be fined if you don't? Choose one correct answer.
а	Up to £1,000
b	Up to £500
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12	A colleague calls your mobile when you are driving. What should you do? Choose one correct answer.
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Thank you for completing the check your knowledge quiz.

Remember, getting your head in gear, completing your daily van checks and planning ahead, you're helping yourself and others stay safe. Also, relying on the rules, keeping an eye out for others and leading by example, can help you be a safer driver.

You can refer to your Van Smart Driver Handbook for guidance and advice.













#### Van Smart

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**Answer sheets** 











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#### Section 3

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- Course evaluation
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## Driver CPC approval form

Before arranging the course, you could complete the application for Driver CPC Course Approval. To access and download this form please go to: <a href="https://www.jaupt.org.uk/">https://www.jaupt.org.uk/</a>

Alternatively, complete the form on the following pages.

*Note:* Van drivers do not need to complete the mandatory 35 hours' periodic training every five years as defined in the EU Directive 2003/59.















#### Application for Driver CPC Course Approval

Section 1: Approved Centre Details			
1.1 Name of approved centre:			
1.2 Centre approval number (if known):			
1.3 Proposed name of course:			
1.4 Proposed approval start date:			
Please note that the proposed start date is an indication of when you would like the approval period to start; however this cannot be guaranteed and JAUPT cannot be held responsible, should the approval period start after the date requested. Should the application be processed prior to the proposed approval date, the approval will commence as requested.			
Please note that all approval documentation will be sent to the person responsible for Driver CPC at the approved centre.			
1.5 Has this course been previously approved?  Yes  No			
Please note that previous approval of this course does not guarantee that it will be granted approval again.			
If <b>Yes</b> – what was the course number?			
Please note that a course is approved for 12 months starting at the date shown on the course approval certificate. If you deliver the course before this date the training will not count towards Driver CPC, JAUPT will send a courtesy reminder email when the course is due to expire and a further notification once the course has expired. Once expired, the course cannot be delivered as periodic training.			
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Sec	ction 2: Course details			
2.1	Sector(s) to which this course is to be delivered	d: LGV PCV		
2.2	Training delivery location:	ssroom On Road / Yard / In Vehicle Outside Area		
2.3	Length of course (in hours):			
2.4	What is the anticipated driver/trainer ratio for the	nis course?		
2.5	2.5 If this course is intended for delivery as part of another programme or qualification, please provide details.			
2.6	Subject area of the course (tick all that apply):			
	numbers below are syllabus reference numbers 3/59 EC.	as stated within the European Directive		
	1.1 Vehicle Systems (Transmission System)	3.1 Health, Safety and Emergencies		
	1.2 Vehicle Systems (Safety Controls)      1.3 Safe and Fuel Efficient Driving      1.4 Leading (Leleading (LC))	3.2 Prevention of Criminality and Trafficking  3.3 Personal Health and Wellbeing		
	1.4 Loading/Unloading (LGV)  1.5 Customer Service / Disability Awareness (PCV)  1.6 Loading/Unloading (PCV)  2.1 Legislation (including Drivers Hours, Rules and Regulations and the Working	3.4 Physical/Mental Health and Wellbeing 3.5 First Aid 3.6 Professional Driver and Company Issues 3.7 Economic Environment for Carriage of Goods (LGV)		
	Time Directive)  2.2 Regulations for Carriage of Goods (LGV)  2.3 Regulations for Carriage of Passengers (PCV)	3.8 Economic Environment for Carriage of Passengers (PCV)		







#### 2.7 Course delivery

- 2.7.1 Please provide details of the training programme for this specific course in the form of a course layout. Please refer to the course summary example which can be found at: www.gov.uk/guidance/set-up-a-driver-cpc-training-centre#course-summary
- 2.7.2 Please attach details and evidence of the qualifications and fields of activity of each of your trainers to be used to train/teach this specific course. Trainers must have sound, up-to-date knowledge of relevant regulations and training requirements as outlined in the Directive 2003/59 EC. Supporting guidance can be found at: www.gov.uk/guidance/run-a-driver-cpc-training-course

All courses are subject to audit and the auditor will verify that the course is being delivered as specified on the approved course summary. Failure to deliver the course as approved may result in the revocation of the driver's training hours.

Section 3: Publication
3.1 Would you like this course to be publicised on gov.uk website?  Yes  No
Section 4: Payment
4.1 Payment of the current fee is accepted via the methods below and should be made within 5 working days of application receipt by JAUPT.
Cheque
Credit / Debit card
BACS
Name:
Position:
Date:

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1.2 Application checklist
Payment details
Course summary
Trainer evidence
Have you read and understood the confirmatory statements detailed in your most recently approved centre application?
Failure to comply with the conditions of approval may result in the suspension or withdrawal of the centre approval.
If you are submitting a modular course you must include one course application for the 7 hour modular course (excluding the course summary) plus a course application for each 3.5 hour module (including the course summary and trainer information).
This form should be completed in full and sent via email to enquires@jaupt.org.uk or your Customer Relations Coordinator (if known). Alternatively you may submit this in hard copy using the address below.
oint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training Warren Yard Varren Park Stratford Road Milton Keynes MK12 5NW
any queries should be directed to enquiries@jaupt.org.uk or alternatively on 0844 800 4184.
For further supportive information and to keep up to date with future updates, feel free to follow and visit the nks below:
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## Joining instructions – Van Smart



Date

Dear

#### **Course joining instructions – Van Smart**

Thank you for choosing the Van Smart training course – a place has been reserved for you. The following information will help you prepare for the day.

# Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the course start time for registration. Registration opens 08.00 Registration closes 08.25 Start training 08.30

Lunch 12.35-13.10 (approx.)

13.10

10.25-10.40

Finish **17.00** 

You must attend the full seven hours' training. Late arrivals or early leavers may not be recorded to the DVSA recording and evidencing system.

#### Location:

Morning break

Resume training

The course will be held in our training room at:

Please see map:

#### **Lunch and refreshments:**

Lunch is not provided.

Light refreshments are available on site, mostly from vending machines; having loose change will be an advantage.







#### **Equipment:**

Make sure you bring writing material for personal note taking. All other training materials will be provided.

#### Cycling:

Cycle training will go ahead in most weather conditions; it is recommended you bring appropriate clothing for the forecasted conditions.

#### **Identity checks:**

Participants attending the course should be in the possession of valid identification. Please refer to the list on the right for official documents that are acceptable to prove identification:

- Photocard driving licence
- Valid passport
- Digital tachograph card
- Driver qualification card (DQC)

Participants who want the training recorded with the Government's Recording and Evidencing (R&E) database will need to pay an £8.75 (cash) upload fee. Participants <u>MUST</u> notify the trainer on arrival of their intentions to register for the Driver CPC hours.

NOTE: If the fee is not paid on the day, your learning hours may not be uploaded.

#### **Contact details:**

Training centre:	<ul><li>Telephone:</li><li>Email:</li></ul>
Trainer:	<ul><li>Telephone:</li><li>Email:</li></ul>

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours faithfully







#### Theory modules checklist

Training room	Yes	No
Large enough to comfortably accommodate 20-25 people		
Adequate furniture (four or five tables and 25 chairs) available for the training		
Size of room adequate for arranging working groups		
Adequate lighting		
Air-conditioning in good working condition		
Cross ventilation		
Windows with curtains/blinds in good working condition		
Appropriate electricity supply		
Located away from any distractions, such as traffic or noise		
Adequate arrangement for drinking water		
Appropriate toilet facilities		

Materials	Yes	No
Projector and screen		
Laptop		
Extension lead		
Name tents		
Flipchart		
Whiteboard and pens		
Hard copy printouts of training slides		
Copy of the Highway Code (available to view and download at: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code">http://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code</a> )		
Copies of the Driver Handbook for participants to refer to during the course and to take away		











## Theory modules risk assessment

Health and safety in a training environment is about taking a sensible and proportionate approach to ensure the premises provide a healthy and safe place for all who use them.

You should use the risk assessment(s) to make sure training facilities meet minimum health and safety standards. However, the results and findings from completed risk assessments will provide a useful resource to the company management when reviewing their wholecompany risk assessments.

The risk assessment is a means to raise awareness of areas of concern. Employers in the training sector, whether they are a commercial company, local authority, governing body, trust or proprietor, have wider responsibilities under health and safety law.







Training room				
Questions you should ask:		Yes	No	Further action needed
Movement around the	Is the flooring in a good condition?			
training room (slips and trips)	Are there any changes in floor level or type of flooring that need to be reported?			
	Are gangways between desks clear?			
	Are trailing electrical leads/cables prevented where possible?			
	Is lighting bright enough to allow safe access and exit?			
	Is sufficient equipment in place to protect from glare and heat from sun, eg blinds?			
	Are procedures in place to deal with spillages, eg water?			
	<ul> <li>For stand-alone training rooms:</li> <li>Are access stairs or ramps properly maintained?</li> <li>Are access stairs or ramps provided with handrails?</li> </ul>			
Furniture and fixtures	Are permanent fixtures in good condition and securely fastened, eg cupboards, display boards, shelving?			
	Is furniture fit for purpose and suitable for adults?			
	Where window restrictors are fitted to upper-floor windows, are they in good working order?			







Questions you should ask:		Yes	No	Further action needed
Electrical equipment	Are fixed electrical switches and plug sockets fit for purpose?			
and services	Are all plugs and cables fit for purpose?			
	Has portable electrical equipment, eg projectors, been visually checked and where necessary, tested at suitable intervals to ensure that it's safe to use? (There may be a sticker to show it has been tested.)			
Fire	If there are fire exits from the training room, are they:  • Unobstructed?  • Kept locked?  • Able to be opened from the inside?			
	Is fire-fighting equipment available in the training room?			
	Are fire evacuation procedures displayed clearly?			
	Are you aware of the evacuation drill, including arrangements for any vulnerable adults?			
Workplace (ventilation	Does the room have natural ventilation?			
and heating)	Can a reasonable room temperature be maintained during use of the training room?			

This list is not exhaustive and you should identify any other hazards associated with the daily use of the training room, including any further actions needed. If necessary, discuss this with your employer.







#### Further action needed

Hazards noted:		Action taken and whe	n:
Name (and position):	Signature:		Date:
Location/name of training room:			

This risk assessment should be reviewed whenever a material change occurs or following a serious incident to make sure controls are still relevant. Otherwise the review is every two years.







## Theory modules housekeeping and safety brief

The following important information must be shared with the participants at the earliest opportunity and in any case before the training begins. To help share this information a slide is included in the welcome section of the first lesson.

- Fire evacuation drill
- Location of toilets
- Regulations concerning smoking/location of designated areas
- Participant use of mobile phones
- Location of drinking water
- Timetable detailing break times
- Course evaluation and the value it has for future training

All areas must be visually investigated immediately prior to a session, any dangerous objects removed and the surface assessed. If there is a real risk of danger, then the session must be cancelled or moved to a new safe training location.











#### Practical module checklist

Location	Yes	No
Location checked prior to session and clear of hazards		
Hardstanding area to provide adequate space to undertake bike handling activities		
Appropriate route with good mix of traffic speed and density		
Pedestrian access		
Toilet facilities nearby		
Place to park bicycles		

Materials	Yes	No
Mobile phone, charged with credit		
First aid kit		
Sun protection		
Road-ready bikes for all participants		
Sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) for all participants: well-fitting helmets, Hi-Vis vests		











## Practical module risk assessment

All routes must be surveyed before each session. Instructors are to make sure all reasonable precautions are in place to safeguard the participants and the chosen route is not physically challenging.







Questions yo	u should ask:	Yes	No	Record action(s) taken
Off-road location	Surface is in good order			
location	Site is clear of hazards such as broken glass			
	Location is sufficient for level 1 activities			
On-road location	Location appropriate for activity			
iodution	Traffic speed appropriate for training			
	Traffic density appropriate for training			
	Line of sight			
	Alternative options located			
Record on-road locations	Activity 1			
(Record street names or	Activity 2			
provide map)	Activity 3			
	Activity 4			
	(Activity 5)			
	(Activity 6)			







Questions yo	u should ask:	Yes	No	Record action(s) taken
Route	Appropriate distance from training base (including plan for non-riders)			
	Speed and traffic density			
	Minimised right turns			
	Zebra and pelican crossings as appropriate			
Description of route (or provide map)				
Riders	Rider health and fitness considered and participants asked to inform trainers of any relevant issues			
	Clothing appropriate for conditions, shoelaces tied, trousers tucked-in etc			
	Helmets fitted correctly, wearing Hi-Vis			
	Riders informed of actions to take in case of incident, including getting lost			
Bicycles	Tyre condition and pressure			
	Brakes			
	Chain running smoothly			
	Attachments to cycle secure (rack, bottle cage, etc)			
	Frame and saddle height fit riders			







Dynamic risk assessment

Things can change during any session. Ensure you keep an eye on the training environment, the riders and the bicycles and take any action as appropriate. Have a plan B.

This list is not exhaustive and you should identify any other hazards associated with the practical module, including any further actions needed. If necessary, discuss this with your employer.

All areas must be visually investigated immediately prior to a session, any dangerous objects removed and the surface assessed. If there is a real risk of danger, then the session must be cancelled or moved to a new safe training location.

#### **Further action needed**

Hazards noted:		Action taken and who	en:
Name (and position):	Signature:		Date:
Location/name of training room:			

This risk assessment should be reviewed whenever a material change occurs or following a serious incident to make sure controls are still relevant. Otherwise the review is every two years.







## Practical module safety brief

This training is designed to be insightful, enjoyable and achievable. We will be stopping at regular intervals to discuss the learning points of each scenario. You are expected to take part in all activities. Should you have any concerns, please discuss these with the trainers. If you feel you cannot complete the session, you must inform one of the trainers immediately, who will arrange for you to be taken back to the training centre.

Dynamic risk assessments will be conducted by the instructors throughout this training. All cycle trainers are trained to observe you (the participants), the training environment and the bicycles during the session.

#### **DOs and DON'Ts**

#### Do

- Use the PPE provided
- Keep an eye out for each other
- Ride in the manner described by the instructors
- Ask questions

#### Don't

- Ride off on your own
- Perform any tricks or stunts
- Make adjustments to your bicycle on the move











#### Participant registration

#### Course attendance and registration record

Organisation name:	Centre code:	AC:
Venue: (site/building/room)	Course name and CRS code:	Van Smart CRS:
Course dates:	Start time:	
Total break time:	Finish time:	

Driver name:	Driver li	cence nu	mber	Licence categories	Licence type	Participant signature	Notes

**Declaration:** I have conducted the required licence and identity checks and delivered a seven hour Driver CPC course (or three and a half hour module) to the above participants.

Trainer name:	Trainer signature:
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## Driver licence/identity checks

Participants must provide proof of identity before any training session starts. Trainers need to carry out these checks in order to verify the identity of each participant.

The following documents are acceptable for identity checking:

- Photocard driving licence
- Valid passport
- Digital tachograph card
- Driver qualification card (DQC)
- Old-style paper driving licence plus valid passport

If you have concerns over the eligibility of a driver's licence, you can contact the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) via the website at www.dvla.gov.uk, call the DVLA customer enquiries line on 0870 240 0009, or seek legal or professional advice.

Photocard licences are issued every 10 years to ensure the photograph on the licence remains a true likeness of the holder.







#### **Driver CPC overview**

The aim of Driver CPC is to improve road safety and help drivers become more professional in all aspects of their work.

Drivers must do 35 hours of periodic training every five years to keep their Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) to drive a lorry, bus or coach.

The design and delivery of Van Smart includes the knowledge and understanding that is needed to underpin the performance standards or competency required for a particular work activity. The content of Van Smart is linked to the Driver CPC Directive syllabus covering the following:

- 1.2 Vehicle systems (Safety controls)
- 1.5 Customer service/Disability awareness
- 3.1 Health, safety and emergencies
- 3.3 Personal health and wellbeing
- 3.4 Physical/mental health and wellbeing
- 3.6 Professional driver and company issues







#### Fair processing notice

Your driving licence information will be shared with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), Transport for London (TfL), its subsidiaries and service providers and may use your personal information for the purpose of administering and operating the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS).

TfL may share your personal information with FORS partners for the purpose of assisting businesses procuring road freight services to ascertain whether a FORS accredited company has complied with its legal obligations and/or taken steps to comply with TfL's recommended work related road risk contractual requirements.

Your personal information will be properly safeguarded and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.







#### Course evaluation

Do not skip or rush this part of the day. The course evaluation is important and gives the participants an opportunity to give feedback on what they think was good or bad.

When you introduce the form (overleaf) make sure the participants understand the following information:

- Participants can be part of wider research by giving an email address. Explain they will receive further research questions in three months and 12 months by email. The research company is Future Thinking Ltd
- Participant feedback is important and is used to make relevant changes to the content
- Offer support to participants who may need guidance on completing the form

Finally, make sure you recover all feedback forms and complete the course close down procedure as detailed by FORS.









#### FORS Van Smart evaluation and feedback form

#### Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Name (optional)	Company name	Email	Date

#### Please rate each of the following:

Training location	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
The location was convenient for me					
I was given enough information about how to get to the training					

Trainer and the delivery	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Professional and experienced					
Approachable and questions answered					
Clear communicator					
Engaging and interesting					

Personal training outcome	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
I found the training useful					
Today's programme has made me want to complete more training					
Today's training has made me more aware of my responsibilities					

Learning outcomes	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
After this course you will consider cycling to improve your HEALTH and fitness					
My UNDERSTANDING of the issues faced by vulnerable road users has improved as a result of this training					







	disagree	

Have you driven on a cycle superhighway route?	Yes	No	Don't know	

#### If you ticked 'Yes' please indicate which route (tick all that apply)

BCS	Road Number	From	То	I have driven this route
CS1	A10 (minor roads and segregation)	Tottenham	Liverpool Street	
CS2	A118, A11	Stratford	Aldgate	
CS3	[part of East-West Cycle Superhighway] A13, A1202, A3211	Barking	Westminster	
CS5	A202	Oval	Pimlico	
CS6	[also known as North-South Cycle Superhighway	Elephant & Castle	Stonecutter Street	
CS7	A24, A3	Merton	City	
CS8	A217, A3205, A3216, A3212	Wandsworth	Westminster	

#### Do you own a bicycle? (Please tick one answer below)

Yes and it is in working order	
Yes but it is not in working order	
No	
No but I have access to a working bicycle	

#### On average, how often do you cycle and for what purpose?

Frequency	For sport, leisure, exercise	To get to work	For transport to other destinations eg to the shops, visit friends/family
5 or more days a week			
3-4 days a week			
Once or twice a week			
Once or twice a month			
Less than once a month			
Never			

How much time in total do you spend cycling in an average week? (please try to be as precise as possible)

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#### Now you have received cycle training, how often do you intend to cycle and for what purpose?

Frequency	For sport, leisure, exercise	To get to work	For transport to other destinations eg to the shops, visit friends/family				
5 or more days a week							
3-4 days a week							
Once or twice a week							
Once or twice a month							
Less than once a month		_	_				
Never							
Gender: Male Female Prefer not to say  Age: 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+ Prefer not to say  Borough in which you live:							
	Thank you	Lfor complet	ting this form				

Thank you for completing this form, your comments will help us in our ongoing commitment to improve our delivery of this programme.











#### Complaints procedure

If you're unhappy with our service, please let us know as soon as you can. We'll do our best to put things right. We are fully committed to addressing all complaints, fully and fairly, and in a reasonable timeframe. We prefer to resolve complaints by telephone – but if you'd prefer to receive a response in writing, then please ask.

There are two easy ways to get in touch. So we can get back to you sooner, let us know your preferred contact details when you contact us.

By phone - 08448 09 09 44

By email - enquiries@fors-online.org.uk

Your email will be acknowledged within 48 hours of receipt and we aim to resolve all written complaints within 28 days of receipt.

If you are not satisfied:

If a complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction you can ask to escalate the issue to a manager. In the event a manager has to call you back, you can help us by letting us know which daytime and evening contact numbers work best for you. If, after speaking to the manager, you feel we have still not dealt with your complaint appropriately, please ask for your complaint to be escalated to a senior manager.











