

Vrooom Driving Lessons

New Trainee Intro and Links to DVA Web Information

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We have put this together to give you an idea of the requirements for qualifying as a PDI then as a full ADI (Advanced Driving Instructor).

PDI Qualifications:

- Part 1 = Extended Theory and Hazard Perception Test
- Part 2 = Extended Advanced Practical Driving Test

ADI Qualifications:

- Part 3 = Ability to Teach Test, carried out by a Senior Examiner

The basic requirements for becoming an Approved Driving Instructor are as follows:

1. You must be over 21 years of age.
2. You must have held a valid UK Driving Licence for more than 3 years.
3. You must pass an AccessNI Check in order to take part in your Part 1 testing.
4. Any penalty points need to be disclosed.
5. Any spent or unspent criminal convictions need to be disclosed.

Most of the basic information can be found here: <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/adi-guide-to-becoming-an-approved-driving-instructor-27mar25.pdf> and gives you an outline of what's expected of you.



PART 1 Training:

The Part 1 is a simple application process via the following link:

<https://www.book-theory-test.service.gov.uk/instructor/candidate-details>

The important thing not to get sucked into here is applying for and paying for the Access NI check. That is actually part of your test fee and once arranged the DVA will give you a code to do the Full Access NI check process which won't cost you anything extra over and above the test fee itself.

The other thing is the study aid. We have a link to a service on our website which you can use for free. It'll give you the basic Theory & Hazard Perception testing and I will apply for the more advanced version and email you a link for it when I have that sorted.

<https://www.vrooomdrivinglessons.co.uk/theory-test-help> and click on the red button that says Help me with my Theory & Hazard Perception Test. The tricky bit for me was the Hazard Perception but when you see the pattern of the videos and where the system guides you to the correct answers it all falls into place and becomes pretty obvious.

The Theory Test is all about repetition and you will learn to recognise the right answers easily enough.



PART 2 Training:

The Part 2 will involve a fair bit of training on our part to untrain the bad habits we all develop over time when we drive. God knows I had more than my fair share but between Austin and myself we can guide you along and give you plenty of help, hints and tips. There is a Test fee for that too and the test itself can be anywhere from 60-70 minutes in total testing your overall safe, good driving ability and up to 5 manoeuvres. For additional information on this please visit:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/how-become-approved-driving-instructor-adi>

We currently price our time out for this training at £40 per hour.
(Paid on the day of training to the instructor involved.)



PART 3 Training:

Part 3 is a more complex process and once you get through Parts 1 & 2 we can look at that in more detail. We do have a specialist Trainer we work with in this area whom is exceptionally well experienced and who is a specially knowledgeable on the subject of Part 3 Training and legislation. For additional information on Part 3 part 3 testing please visit:
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/approved-driving-instructor-adi-test-instructional-ability-form>

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Additional training will be provided by our associated trainer and those costs are charged at his personal rates and to be discussed with him before starting Part 3 Training.





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