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Transporting Horses



'Quality Training to the Industry'

A Guide to Transporting Horses Safely and Legally in the UK

Understanding how to transport horses legally and safely around the UK is a prime concern for those who drive the vehicles. It doesn't matter whether students know anything about horses because they must know about the options for transporting them. Employers demand it and clients won't stand for a sloppy job because their animals are extremely important to them. Any injuries could incur significant legal and financial penalties on any incompetent driver. Through understanding the various transportation methods and where to find training, people open themselves up to a wonderfully rewarding career.

Horse Trailer

The horse trailer is the traditional box. It's a simple trailer attached to the back of the car or van. For towing a horse trailer the licence requirements depend entirely on the vehicle towing the trailer. There are multiple licences pertaining to the type of vehicle being driven and the size and weight of the trailer. For students looking to take a course it can be incredibly confusing, which is why we have outlined below the various licences you might need. Although there are a variety of licences, it's ideal to possess them all so there are no problems with the type of work you can take on in the future.

Car and Trailer

The simplest form of horse towing is the car and trailer. Attach a trailer to the back of the car and you can

transport most smaller horses around the country without any problems. It's known as the 'B+E' licence and allows you to tow anything up to 3.5 tonnes. Anything over this limit requires a different licence. For most new UK drivers it's necessary to take a course in this. Taking the 'B+E' course with us only lasts three days. Since you already know how to drive a car before taking this course, it's just a matter of getting to grips with the use and maintenance of the trailer itself. On the third day we will have your driving test booked at the DSA centre. Anyone who obtained their licence before 1997 will already have this qualification on their licence. However, you will still benefit from a one day experience course with us.



3.5 Tonne Horsebox

The 3.5 tonne horsebox is good for people who don't want to spend thousands of pounds on a larger vehicle,

or for simply transporting one or two horses or ponies. Of course, it's necessary to have the right licence to drive the 3.5 tonne horsebox in the UK, but the most important part about this is the safety of driver and horse. By choosing LGS Transport Training to acquire the necessary skills drivers are opening themselves up to a rich and rewarding career.



The Licence

The correct licence for driving one of these vehicles depends entirely on the situation. 3.5 tonnes comes in a number of different forms. The conventional horsebox where a second vehicle isn't towing a load requires a 'C1' licence. For older people who gained their licence before 1997 this isn't a problem because they have the ability to simply get up and go as they automatically qualify. At LGS Transport Training we recommend taking a one-day refresher course, though. These vehicles are highly

dangerous and inexperience can cause serious problems.

One advantage of the 'C1' licence is it's a product of the 'C' licence, so people who already possess the 'C' qualification will already have the 'C1' licence. However, just like with those who gained their full UK driving licence before 1997 it's recommended they take a refresher course to retrain themselves in the rules of the road.

Horse Lorry

The horse lorry is something which comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. People can purchase these lorries for a pittance or spend thousands of pounds on a state-of-the-art mobile horse home. There are lorries which fit one horse and lorries which fit seven horses. It's important to know about the various differences between lorries when looking at acquiring a licence to drive one since different licences apply to different horse lorries.!



Horse Lorry Variations

There are a number of variations in these vehicles. They are not only important for people looking to buy them, they are essential for those looking to drive them:

- The biggest influential factor is the number of horses carried.
- Additional facilities. Some of the more expensive horse lorries have facilities for horses to move around, eat, drink, and sleep.
- The weight and length of the vehicle itself. This is what influences the type of licence required to drive the vehicle.

Licences

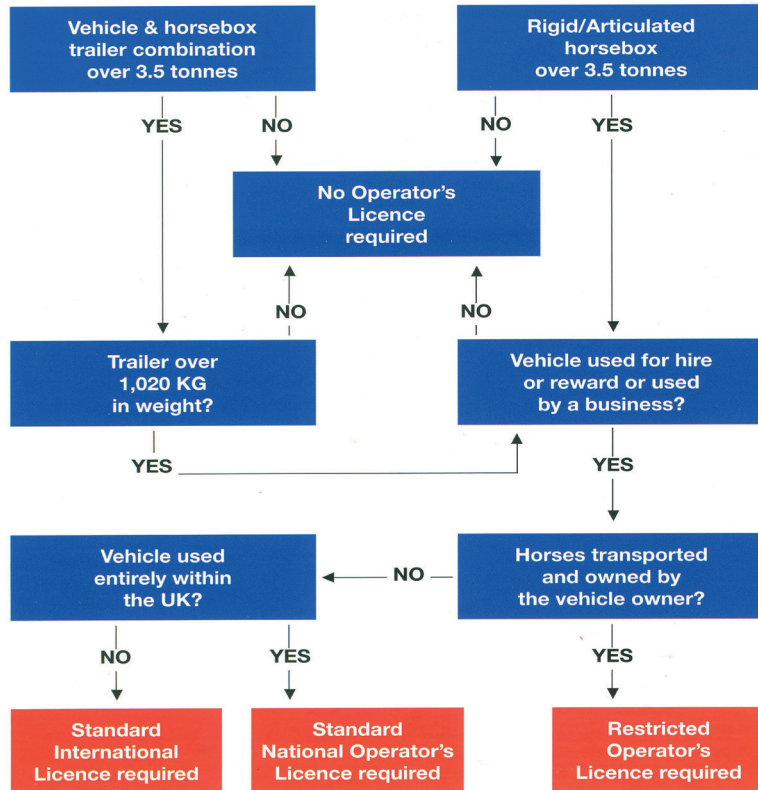
The licences required to drive one of these vehicles depends entirely on the weight of the vehicle. Since the horse lorry is different from the horsebox prospective students don't need to worry about whether their current licence allows them to tow a trailer behind them, or not.

A Class 2, or category 'C', licence is for vehicles with a rigid body over 7.5 tonnes. This is the main licence for this sort of vehicle. It's one unit and doesn't have any detachable parts. It's also something which operates within towns and cities, as well as the more rural areas. With us here at the LGS Transport Training, students can expect to take their exams after a week of intensive learning.

Van Licence, or category 'C1', is the licence needed to drive any vehicles above 3.5 tonnes. It's a more complicated type of licence since there are a lot of different rules governing it. If a student gained their full UK driving licence before 1997 this is automatically on their licence. A course in this licence takes about a week to complete with us before preparing for exams.

On a side note, it's strongly recommended learners take a full 'C' course with us. As well as gaining this licence, the 'C1' is automatically included, so it means people are getting two courses wrapped up into one.

Do you need an Operator's Licence?



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