**Acquired Rights**

**Attendance for periodic training**

In order to drive for a living all professional large vehicle drivers must obtain the Driver CPC

qualification. They must then attend 35 hours of Driver CPC periodic training every five years to

maintain this qualification. When a driver attends Driver CPC periodic training, you must ensure that

they hold the correct category of licence and a current or expired Driver CPC qualification if they

want the training to be uploaded and count towards a future Driver Qualification Card (DQC).

**Who has ‘acquired rights’?**

Drivers have ‘acquired rights’ if they are a –

* Lorry driver and had a vocational licence (C, C1, C+E and C1+E) before 10th September 2009 or have C1 due to passing their car (B) test in the UK before 1997.
* Bus or coach driver and had a vocational licence (D, D1, D+E and D1+E) before 10th September 2008 including restricted vocational licence D(101) issued after 1991 and D1(101) issued before 1997

These drivers will get their first Driver Qualification Card (DQC) after doing 35 hours of Driver CPC

periodic training or completing modules 2 and 4 of the Initial Qualification tests.

**Drivers who held D1(101) or D(101) only, must apply in writing to the DVSA to have their Bus**

**‘acquired rights’ manually added to their records.**

**Initial Qualification**

New drivers have to complete the initial qualification before driving professionally. New drivers are

those who gained their vocational category on or after the Driver CPC implementation dates of

Driver CPC:

* 10th September 2008 – Bus and coach
* 10th September 2009 – Lorry

The Driver CPC initial qualification consists of four tests. Professional drivers must pass the module

two and module 4 tests to gain their Driver CPC qualification, in addition to the module one and

module 3 tests that are taken to acquire a driving licence.

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| Module |  | Approx Duration | Licence Acquisition | Driver CPC |
|  | Theory Test Multiple Choice questions & Hazard Perception clips | 2.5hrs | YES |  |
|  | CPC Case Studies Theory Test | 1.5hrs |  | YES |
|  | Practical Test | 1.5hrs | YES |  |
|  | Driver CPC Practical Test Vehicle Safety Demonstration | 0.5hrs |  | YES |

**How does a driver evidence they have completed the Initial Qualification?**

Upon completion of the initial qualification the driver will be issued with a DQC as evidence of their

Driver CPC qualification. If a driver has not yet received their DQC because they completed the

initial qualification recently, trainers should take reasonable steps to assure themselves that the

driver has passed all four modules and can therefore have periodic training uploaded to their record.

**How do EU/EEA countries and Switzerland evidence Driver CPC?**

If a driver has completed the initial qualification or undertaken 35 hours of periodic training in an

EU/EEA country or in Switzerland, they will be able to evidence this with either a DQC, or a code

‘95’ on their driving licence, depending on their country of origin (see below for the details we

currently hold).

If a driver presents for periodic training with only certificates as evidence of successfully completing

the initial qualification in an EU/EEA country or in Switzerland, they should claim the Driver CPC in

the country where the initial qualification was completed.