

Transportation

NVQ Level 2 in Driving Goods Vehicles

Awarding Body: Skills for Logistics

General Information:

This qualification is for goods vehicle drivers who are able to show the minimum level of occupational competence required for a goods vehicle driver. This competence is more than that required by the relevant statutory driving test, as it includes competencies in pre-driving checks (including the use of tachographs) and monitoring the loading of goods. Consequently, this qualification identifies the standard of vocational competence expected of an experienced and professional goods vehicle driver.

The standards require driving skills to be shown whilst driving a goods vehicle that is laden with the candidate's typical load. While driving the vehicle, candidates are required to drive safely and with acceptable wear and tear on the vehicle. Candidates have the opportunity to show competence in unloading goods vehicles, and coupling and uncoupling goods vehicles. These two areas are covered by two additional units, which do not form part of the full qualification.

Course structure:

To achieve a full Level 2 NVQ qualification, candidates must complete a total of **seven mandatory** units. Certificates will be given for individual units where a full award is not achieved.

Mandatory units:

- Monitoring the loading of vehicles by others.
- Completing pre-driving preparations.
- Maintaining the safety and the security of the load, self and property.
- Maintaining awareness of driving conditions.
- Operating the vehicle systems.
- Driving the vehicle on public roads.
- Driving the vehicle in restricted spaces.

Additional units:

- Loading the vehicle.
- Coupling and uncoupling the vehicle.

Assessment methods:

All candidates are allocated an assessor who will guide the candidate through the process of assessment and portfolio building. PDM's fully trained and qualified assessors base their judgements of competence on the candidate's work and how it compares with the National Occupational Standards.

Typically, the candidate builds a portfolio of evidence, under guidance of the assessor, using a range of assessment methods: observation, oral and/or written questioning, witness testimonies, candidate statements, product evidence and professional discussion.

When all the units have been completed, and the assessor is satisfied that the candidate has met the national standard, the certificate is claimed from the awarding body.

Progression:

Candidates who complete this qualification may be able to progress onto:

- NVQ Level 3 in Driving Goods Vehicles
- Team Leading / Management qualifications