



# ADR TRAINING

## Introduction

In order to carry regulated dangerous goods over certain load thresholds, a driver needs to hold an ADR Vocational Training Certificate (commonly referred to as the "ADR Licence").

To obtain a certificate, drivers will have to attend an approved course and pass an approved examination set by SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority). Certificates are issued on behalf of the Department of Transport by the DVLA. These certificates are valid for five years both internationally and in the UK.

Attending the course is classed as "duty time". This needs to be considered when complying with the driver hour's regulations.

## Modules and Implications

Every driver carrying regulated dangerous substances on in-scope vehicles will need to complete a course made up a series of 12 modules from the list below. The precise extent of the course and appropriate examinations will be determined by the content of the driver's work.

It is important that all modules taken are relevant to the present and future needs of the driver. Drivers will be restricted to carrying only those substances shown on their vocational certificate. It is an offence to carry substances not shown on the Vocational Certificate.

## Driver CPC

Specialist is an approved provider of Driver CPC Training. Up to 21 hours (ADR1, ADR2 & ADR3) of the Initial Course and up to 14 hours (ADR4 & ADR5) of the Refresher course can count towards the driver CPC requirement for 35 hours of approved training to take place over five years. If you wish for your ADR courses to count

towards Driver CPC, please mention this when booking and our staff will explain the details.

## The Examinations

All examinations are taken on the last day of the training programme. All questions are multiple choice. Candidates who fail a particular module are eligible to re-sit the exam within 16 weeks without having to take further training. Certificates will only be issued however when the Core module, Packages or Tanks modules and at least one substance module have been passed. Once a candidate is in possession of a Vocational Certificate additional modules can be added should his/her work circumstances or employment change. The additional modules may be taken singly or in groups.

Module Number	Module
1	Core
2	Road Tankers or Tank Containers
3	Any class of dangerous goods in Packages
4	Class 1 Explosives
5	Class 2 Compressed Gases
6	Class 3 Flammable Liquids
7	Class 4 Flammable Solids
8	Class 5 Oxidising Agents and Organic Peroxides
9	Class 6 Toxic, Harmful and Infectious
10	Class 7 Radioactives
11	Class 8 Corrosives
12	Class 9 Miscellaneous

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## Course Structure

<b>Day</b>	<b>Course Module</b>
<b>Initial</b>	<b>Core, Packages and Classes 2 - 9 (except class 7)</b>
Monday	Core and practical exercise
Tuesday	Practical exercises continued, packages and Class module
Wednesday	Classes continued
Thursday	Exams and Tanks
Friday	Tanks continued and Exam
<b>Refresher</b>	<b>Core, Packages, Tanks and Classes 2 - 9 (except class 7)</b>
Wednesday	Core and Practical Exercises
Thursday	Packages and Classes 2 - 6
Friday	Classes 8 & 9, Tanks and Exams

## The Examinations

An individual can only take an exam once they have received training on that module.  
There are 2 ways of sitting the exams:

- Sit individual papers for each module.
- Sit grouped examination papers.

There are benefits for both options. If you are unsure which route is best for you, please call on 01282 687090 to discuss.

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