NLTC Level 2 Award in Driving Assessment

Information for Centres

This is an Ofqual regulated qualification for driving assessors. It is designed for driving assessment in general and not specific to car's, LGV's or PCV's. The holder of the qualification is qualified to assess driving generally.

The holder will have an Ofqual regulated qualification and then can be added to the RADAT (Register of Approved Driver Assessors & Trainers) where they can use our DVSA recognised Driver Assessment.

The combination of these results in a driver assessor with a regulated qualification, running a DVSA recognised driving assessment.

The following pages contain some questions that we have been asked by training providers who are interested in providing this qualification.

Do I need a bus, truck or car to provide the training and assessment for this qualification?

No. It has been designed so it can be run in a classroom. You are welcome to use a vehicle to supplement the training, but it is not essential. The training course includes a number of filmed driving sequences for the candidates to see. The assessment also uses a filmed drive.

How long is the training course?

The training course is 3 days, this includes the teaching, practical exercises and mock assessments. The actual assessments take place on the fourth day.

What are the assessments?

There are two assessments. One is a multiple choice question paper, which tells us that the candidate has a good knowledge of the rules of the road themselves; after all, an assessor couldn't assess very well if they didn't know what certain road signs meant.

The second assessment is a pre-filmed drive of 30 minutes. Our expert panel has already assessed this, and we would require the candidate to arrive at a score very similar to the score set by our experts.

How long is the certificate valid for?

The certificate has a 5 year validity period.

What is the cost?

The multiple choice exam is £35, and the observational assessment is £65.

What ever the training provider chooses to charge is up to the training provider; we are aware that some providers of non-regulated driver assessor courses charge several thousand pounds for theirs (remember, that is for a non-regulated certificate).

Is there an extra charge to become an approved centre for this qualification?

Centres who become approved for NLTC qualifications will be provided with free membership to the NLTC consortium. Therefore, it is only fair for members of the NLTC consortium to receive free centre approval for NLTC qualifications.

How do I notify NLTC of a course that I want to run?

As a result of the regulated qualifications which NLTC now provide, the members website is changing. On the new site a ‘Qualifications’ page has been added. Approved centres will be provided with access to this page and can upload the details in the same way that you upload the Driver CPC details now.

Can this count towards Driver CPC?

Currently it doesn’t; however, if our centres believe that this will help them to see the courses, we will seek approval from DVSA / JAUPT to have the first three days approved for Driver CPC.

What qualifications do I need to teach this course?

In order to teach the course, you will require two qualifications. The first being the qualification itself. As the teacher, you should hold the qualification. The second being a teaching qualification. For example, our own RADAT approval would cover this unless you have another recognisable qualification.

As the qualification is brand new, quite obviously no one already holds it, so it isn't possible for any teacher to have this qualification. Therefore, we are arranging for some members of our expert panel (who helped to develop the qualification) to provide a reduced cost remote train the trainer course. You would need to travel though for the assessments.

Who can I sell this qualification to?

There is a demand for this qualification. There are thousands of transport companies who require in-house driver assessors. But remember, this isn't limited to LGV's, courier companies, company car drivers, even 'butty van' delivery drivers are subject to this qualification. We have already been approached by some companies and individuals who want to offer driver assessing on a commercial basis, this includes consultancy companies.

Who provides the certificate?

The certificate contains the Ofqual regulated logo and is printed and dispatched by NLTC directly to the candidate. The certificate is of a particularly high quality, and it will contain your centre details and logo.

What is the link to RADAT?

RADAT is recognised by DVSA for Driver CPC trainer approval and for Driving Assessments. Our agreement with DVSA is that only assessors who hold this qualification will be permitted to be added to the register. Once on the register, the assessor can use the RADAT assessment materials. This results in an Ofqual qualified driver assessor, assessing drivers using a DVSA recognised assessment.

Is there a charge to join the RADAT register as a driver assessor?

Yes. The RADAT charge for this is £120 per year (with a minimum of 3 years to be paid). If you are a RADAT centre, you are free to charge any fee you wish to; to either provide training on the RADAT assessment method or to upload the candidate to the register.

We hope that this answers most of the questions that you may have regarding the qualification. Please see the qualification specification, which includes the Centre Operational Procedure, for more information; or please feel free to contact us directly.