



ESDS Driver Pathway to Certification

(Principal Emergency Services & related Organisations)



ESDS Pathway to Driver Certification – Level 1

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Driver seeking	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 1 Category B	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category B	ESDS Level 1 certification in category B
ESDS Level 1 Category BE	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category BE	ESDS Level 1 certification in category BE
ESDS Level 1 Category W	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category W	ESDS Level 1 certification in category W
ESDS Level 1 Category C1	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category C1	ESDS Level 1 certification in category C1
ESDS Level 1 Category C	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category C	ESDS Level 1 certification in category C
ESDS Level 1 Category CE	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category CE	ESDS Level 1 certification in category CE
ESDS Level 1 Category C1E	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category C1E	ESDS Level 1 certification in category C1E



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Driver seeking	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 1 Category D1	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category D1	ESDS Level 1 certification in category D1
ESDS Level 1 Category D	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category D	ESDS Level 1 certification in category D
ESDS Level 1 Category DE	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category DE	ESDS Level 1 certification in category DE
ESDS Level 1 Category D1E	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 1 practical assessment in category D1E	ESDS Level 1 certification in category D1E



ESDS Pathway to Driver Certification – Level 2

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Driver seeking	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 2 Category B	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category B	ESDS Level 2 certification in category B
ESDS Level 2 Category BE	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category BE	ESDS Level 2 certification in category BE
ESDS Level 2 Category W	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category W	ESDS Level 2 certification in category W
ESDS Level 2 Category C1	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category C1	ESDS Level 2 certification in category C1
ESDS Level 2 Category C	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category C	ESDS Level 2 certification in category C
ESDS Level 2 Category CE	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category CE	ESDS Level 2 certification in category CE
ESDS Level 2 Category C1E	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category C1E	ESDS Level 2 certification in category C1E



ESDS Pathway to Driver Certification – Level 2

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Driver seeking	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 2 Category D1	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category D1	ESDS Level 2 certification in category D1
ESDS Level 2 Category D	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category D	ESDS Level 2 certification in category D
ESDS Level 2 Category DE	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category DE	ESDS Level 2 certification in category DE
ESDS Level 2 Category D1E	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 practical assessment in category D1E	ESDS Level 2 certification in category D1E



ESDS Pathway to Driver Certification – Level 3

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Driver seeking	Prior ESDS qualification needed	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Be able to avail of Road Traffic Exemptions (Section 87 of RTA 2014)	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 3 Category B	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category B	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category B	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category B
ESDS Level 3 Category BE	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category BE	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category BE	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category BE
ESDS Level 3 Category W	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category W	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category W	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category W
ESDS Level 3 Category C1	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category C1	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category C1	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category C1
ESDS Level 3 Category C	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category C	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category C	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category C



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Driver seeking	Prior ESDS qualification needed	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Be able to avail of Road Traffic Exemptions (Section 87 of RTA 2014)	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 3 Category CE	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category CE	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category CE	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category CE
ESDS Level 3 Category C1E	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category C1E	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category C1E	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category C1E
ESDS Level 3 Category D1	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category D1	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category D1	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category D1
ESDS Level 3 Category D	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category D	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category D	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category D
ESDS Level 3 Category DE	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category DE	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category DE	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category DE
ESDS Level 3 Category D1E	ESDS Level 2 Driver certification in Category D1E	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 3 practical assessment in category D1E	Yes	ESDS Level 3 certification in category D1E



ESDS Pathway to Driver Certification – Level 2 & 3 Combined

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Driver seeking	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Be able to avail of Road Traffic Exemptions (Section 87 of RTA 2014)	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category B	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category B	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category B ESDS Level 3 certification in category B
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category BE	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category BE	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category BE ESDS Level 3 certification in category BE
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category W	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category W	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category W ESDS Level 3 certification in category W
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category C1	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category C1	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category C1 ESDS Level 3 certification in category C1
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category C	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category C	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category C ESDS Level 3 certification in category C
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category CE	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category CE	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category CE ESDS Level 3 certification in category CE



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ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category C1E	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Truck Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category C1E	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category C1E ESDS Level 3 certification in category C1E
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category D1	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category D1	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category D1 ESDS Level 3 certification in category D1
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category D	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category D	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category D ESDS Level 3 certification in category D
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category DE	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category DE	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category DE ESDS Level 3 certification in category DE
ESDS Level 2 & 3 Category D1E	ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Bus Module (if not previously completed)	ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined practical assessment in category D1E	Yes	ESDS Level 2 certification in category D1E ESDS Level 3 certification in category D1E