



**Understanding how to use the Roads**

**SCQF level 4**

**40 hour Unit**

## **What is this Unit about?**

This Unit focuses on developing the knowledge and understanding of safe road use. It will help you to be effective in the safe use of roads as a passenger, pedestrian, cyclist or when you learn to drive.

The knowledge acquired in this Unit, combined with positive road user attitude, should make you more confident when using the road and improve your career prospects.

## **What should I know or be able to do before I start?**

Everyone has some knowledge and experience of road use but no specific knowledge is required.

## **What do I need to do?**

**You will need to carry out each of the following tasks:**

### **Task 1**

Prepare for a journey by road

- ◆ Identify the modes of transport you could use for a journey
- ◆ Outline which is the most appropriate mode of transport in your circumstances
- ◆ Plan the best route for your journey
- ◆ Outline how you would decide if you and/or your companions are fit to travel

### **Task 2**

Identify what needs to be considered before going on a journey by road

- ◆ Outline the legal responsibilities of a road user
- ◆ State the documentation required for using a vehicle on the road
- ◆ Outline the safety checks that should be carried out before using a vehicle

### **Task 3**

Understand the road and use it safely

- ◆ Identify key elements of the Highway Code
- ◆ Identify road types, junctions and pedestrian crossings and describe their functions
- ◆ Identify traffic signals, road signs and markings
- ◆ Identify signals given by other road users
- ◆ Identify what to do at different junctions and crossings
- ◆ State the factors that affect a safe road speed
- ◆ Identify how different road users are affected by stopping distances
- ◆ Identify how and where to leave a vehicle safely and securely

### **Task 4**

Describe how to use the roads with regards to the Highway Code and other road users

- ◆ Describe how to use the road in accordance with the principles of the Highway Code
- ◆ Outline why keeping up to date with changes in the Highway Code contributes to safe road use
- ◆ Describe the correct response to traffic signals, road markings, signals given by others and traffic control measures
- ◆ Describe what to do if you are in a vehicle that breaks down
- ◆ Describe what to do if you are involved in, or are a witness to, an incident

## **How do I get this Unit?**

You will need to demonstrate that you have the knowledge and understanding of how to use the roads and successfully complete all the assessments. You might answer questions or show in practical tasks or simulations that you can cover all the skills.

## What will this involve?

The Unit will be achieved by completing four assignments.

The first assignment will require you to complete a case study scenario where you will carry out an activity such as:

- ◆ Planning a journey such as a trip in a minibus:
  - this may include considering the needs of the passengers, fitting and removal of child and booster seats, identifying the best route for the journey, planning rest stops and refuelling points and what to do if you get lost.

The second and fourth assignment are short response questions.

The third assignment consists of an online objective test specified by DSA, it cannot be amended or adapted in any way. The online test of 20 questions is based on the Highway Code, topic areas will include: Safety, Hazard Awareness, Other Road Users, Rules of the Road, Road and Traffic Signs, Documents and Vehicle Loading. The questions will apply to all users of the highway, including those travelling as passengers.

## What can I do next?

You could move onto the other Unit in this Award — *Developing Positive Road User Attitude* or if you already completed this you could consider:

- NQ Motor Vehicle maintenance Units
- Working towards your driving theory test
- Working towards your hazard perception test
- Working towards your driving test (dependant on age)

Your tutor can advise you about this.

## Guidance for tutors

For this Unit learners are expected to be able to

- ◆ identify what needs to be considered before going on a journey
- ◆ prepare for a journey
- ◆ understand the road and use it safely
- ◆ explain how to use the roads with regards to the Highway Code and other road users

The practical skills covered by this Unit can be developed and assessed in a number of ways depending of the teaching facilities available and the needs of the individual learner.

Candidates should be clear that both units in this suite cover road safety and in no way develop actual driving experience or authorise them to drive a motor vehicle.

Further information about delivery, assessment and Evidence Requirements for this Unit can be found in the corresponding support pack. The support pack also contains examples of the type and amount of activities that meet the standards of this Unit. Sample recording documentation is also included.

### **Disabled candidates and/or those with additional support needs**

The additional support needs of individual candidates should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment instruments, or considering whether any reasonable adjustments may be required.

Further advice can be found in SQA's web pages ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk))



## Administrative information

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