



## ADR Dangerous Goods Driver Training Qualifications Packages and/or Bulk Course

### What are the ADR Dangerous Goods Driver Training Qualifications?

These are the standards of training, assessment and certification for drivers of vehicles containing dangerous goods, based on the training requirements drawn up by the UK legislation and International agreements. They have been developed to make sure that they comply with the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations (as amended) which apply the provisions of ADR European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Council Directive (as amended).

They are necessary because UK law makes these requirements part of the dangerous goods industry responsibility – a regulatory requirement – to help keep the transportation of dangerous goods safe.

The key areas are

- ◆ The drivers knowledge and skills necessary in their core operational duties
- ◆ The practical application of specific health and safety techniques
- ◆ The preventative and safety measures appropriate to the various types of hazards in Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9
- ◆ The specialist knowledge and skills necessary for drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous goods in packages and/or bulk

- ◆ The specialist knowledge and skills necessary for drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous goods in fixed tanks or demountable tanks with a capacity exceeding 1m<sup>3</sup>, drivers of battery-vehicles with a total capacity exceeding 1m<sup>3</sup> and drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous goods in tank containers, portable tanks or MEGCs with an individual capacity exceeding 3m<sup>3</sup> on a transport unit
- ◆ The specialist knowledge and skills necessary for drivers of vehicles carrying substances or articles of Class 1
- ◆ The specialist knowledge and skills necessary for drivers of vehicles carrying radioactive material of Class 7

Employers will look for the relevant qualifications when they are appointing new staff for the transportation of dangerous goods. They also expect their existing staff to have these qualifications.

Understanding and applying these skills in these key areas are important because they help you work effectively in your present job and also prepare you for jobs within the sector which you may do in future. Developing your knowledge of the dangerous goods legislation helps you deal with today's rapidly changing world and improve your career prospects. That's also why employers value them.

# The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and the Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations ADR Dangerous Goods Driver Training Packages and/or Bulk

## What is this Unit about?

Drivers of vehicles carrying dangerous goods in packages and/or bulk shall attend a training course. This packages course does not cover any other aspect of the ADR course.

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

It is anticipated that those undertaking this unit will have some relevant knowledge gathered by either working in the freight logistics industry or through prior study.

## What will I know or be able to do when I achieve this Unit?

On successful completion of this unit, you should have sufficient knowledge to be able to effectively carry out your role as a driver of dangerous goods throughout the UK and Europe, as specified in the current ADR and UK Regulations. This will enable you to take measures that may prove necessary for your own safety and for that of the public and environment for limiting the effects of an incident. This qualification will provide sufficient evidence to satisfy the training requirements of the relevant statutory provisions.

## What might this involve?

Compulsory attendance on an approved training course will be required.

A minimum of 2 x 45 minute Teaching Units for both initial and refresher candidates.

## Course Structure

If you are an initial or refresher candidate you must start with the core unit followed by a mode\* (packages and/or bulk unit and/or tanker unit) followed by at least one class (this can be either individual class papers or the common characteristics route).

\* Candidates who only require Class 1 and/or Class 7 are not required to sit a mode paper, however if they wish to add any of the other classes to their existing entitlement they are required to sit either or both of the mode papers

You can sit this unit as an add on to your existing ADR Driver Training Certificate.

All examinations must be sat at the end of your training course

## How will this Unit be delivered?

This unit will be delivered in accordance with the prescribed standards in a classroom environment with class participation, together with the use of illustrative examples, visual aids and where applicable practical demonstrations.

## How will I show that I have achieved this Unit?

By passing the examination, which consists of at least 15 multiple-choice questions. You must achieve a minimum pass mark of 70%.

On completion, a new certificate will be issued displaying your entitlement for the carriage of packages and/or bulk.

This certificate will be valid for the length of any current entitlement. Please note that if you are adding on other options to your existing certificate your expiry date will not change.

## What can I do next?

Progression routes may include class specific courses, specialisation courses for carriage in tanks, Class 1 and/or Class 7.

## What will I have to do?

Undertake refresher training within the year before the date of expiry of any certificate issued if you wish to continue certification.

## Further Guidance

This unit is supported by the Department for Transport and HSENI Manual of Practice.

## Guidance for instructors

The assessment criteria are detailed in Appendix A.

- ◆ The specific additional provisions applicable to the use of packages and/or bulk.
- ◆ The specific requirements of the vehicles.
- ◆ The procedures to be followed in relation to the operation of packages and/or bulk.
- ◆ The behaviour of vehicles, packages and/or bulk on the road, including movement of the load.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## Training and Assessment Specification

This appendix provides detailed information on the requirements for the training and assessment.

### Appendix A – Packages and/or bulk

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Areas to be covered</b>
3. The general requirements governing the carriage of dangerous goods	3.1.1 Awareness of the UN Packaging scheme 3.1.2 Package marks and labels 3.1.3 Integrity, durability, containment and pressure retention 3.1.4 IBCs 3.1.5 Definition of carriage in bulk 3.1.6 Exemptions related to Excepted Quantities and Limited Quantities 3.1.7 Exemptions related to quantities carried per transport unit 3.1.8 Vehicle markings including ADR, UK and IMDG 3.1.9 Stowage and restraining loads.
<b>Examination Questions: 15</b>	