

Department of Adult Services – Transport Section

MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) Information:

Adult Services Transport is a MiDAS driver assessment centre, and welcomes applications from all council departments.

The training course and all driving and practical assessments are carried out by fully qualified Driver Assessor Trainers (DAT's).

Candidate Requirements:

Drivers must meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 21 and 65
- Held a licence for over 3 years and have D1 entitlement
- Do **not** have a medical condition that could impair their driving ability

Eyesight Tests

An eyesight test is a **mandatory** requirement, which is carried out as part of the Driving Assessment. Failure is treated seriously, if visual aids (ie contact lenses, glasses, etc) are needed then ensure you wear them.

Location:

Training will be carried out at Hindley Business Centre. If you prefer to have staff trained at another location, this will need to be discussed upon application for the course.

Vehicle

There will be a supplementary charge for vehicle usage, if you provide your own vehicle for Assessments; this additional fee will not be included.

Times

Accessible and Standard Training will be conducted over a 2 day course. Day 1 will be a group classroom session, whilst on day 2 candidates will be informed of an assessment time slot, in which the driving and practical assessments will be undertaken.

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Course Content:

Classroom Session:

- Introduction to Trainer(s)
- Course Description
- Handbook Issue
- Worksheet Sessions
- Law and Good Practice Awareness:
 - Legal Responsibilities of a Minibus Driver
 - Passenger Safety
 - Child Passenger Safety
 - Defensive Driving
 - Manual Handling Awareness
 - Health & Safety Awareness
 - Accident & Emergency Procedures
 - Personal Safety for Drivers

Practical Assessment:

- Wheelchair Safety Equipment Assessment
- Lift Assessment

Driving Assessment:

- Licence Check
- Eyesight Check
- Vehicle Familiarisation
- On Road: 1 hour Driving Assessment including Reversing Skills

Certification

- Successful candidates will be issued with MiDAS certificate
- Unsuccessful candidates will require additional training to meet the standard

Prices

Standard Minibus	£55
Accessible Minibus (with Tail Lift)	£75
* Additional Training needs will be charged accordingly *	

If you wish to apply please complete the MiDAS Application form – Thanks.