



Job of The Week

Driving Instructor

Key Skills

- the ability to teach pupils how to do something
- customer service skills
- excellent verbal communication skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to work on your own
- leadership skills
- the ability to monitor your own and your learner's performance
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device



Salary
£15,000 - £30,000

Working hours
30 - 40
Some weekends and evenings/ Bank Holidays

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How to become a Driving Instructor:

- You can get into this job through Specialist courses run by private training organisations
- You first need to apply to become an approved driving instructor. You can find training providers on the Approved Driving Instructor Register Guide.
- You'll need to pass the approved driving instructor part 1 and part 2 exams. You'll then get a licence to give instruction and legally charge for lessons.
- You must also pass the part 3 exam to get onto the register of approved driving instructors.

Tips

It may help your career if you join a Driving Instructor Association

Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

- pass motoring conviction checks
- pass enhanced background checks
- be able to read a licence plate at 90 feet or 27.5m, with glasses or contact lenses if worn
- have a full UK or EU driving licence, held for at least 3 years
- be over 21 years of age

Career path and progression

With experience and training you could move into specialist areas like training disabled drivers. You might also train drivers of passenger carrying vehicles, large goods vehicles (LGV) or emergency services vehicles. If you're highly experienced, you could become a Driving Examiner.

Day to Day tasks

Your duties could include:

- check your learners' driving knowledge and ability
- plan a series of lessons to get learners ready for their driving test
- teach about road safety, driving laws and the Highway Code
- give instruction on the use of vehicle controls, like how to steer, turn, reverse and park safely
- demonstrate how to deal with emergency situations
- discuss basic vehicle checks
- keep records of appointments and payments
- manage your business

Working conditions

You could work from a vehicle, in an office or from home

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Driving instructors	
Weekly Pay £580	Annual Pay £30,160
Hours/Week 14h	Hourly Pay £41
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.5%	Replacement 69.3%
<small>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.5% over the period to 2027, creating 200 jobs. In the same period, 69.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 30,300 job openings.</small>	
You might find this job in Education	
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Vocational and industrial trainers and instructors	
Weekly Pay £670	Annual Pay £34,840
Hours/Week 38h	Hourly Pay £18
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 5%	Replacement 49.8%
<small>The workforce is projected to grow by 5% over the period to 2027, creating 9,100 jobs. In the same period, 49.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 89,400 job openings.</small>	
You might find this job in Education Public admin. & defence Health Retail trade Food & beverage services	
More info	Clear card

Bus and coach drivers	
Weekly Pay £540	Annual Pay £28,080
Hours/Week 42h	Hourly Pay £13
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 0.5%	Replacement 69.3%
<small>The workforce is projected to grow by 0.5% over the period to 2027, creating 600 jobs. In the same period, 69.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 89,200 job openings.</small>	
You might find this job in Land transport, etc Education Travel, etc Public admin. & defence Warehousing, etc	
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Labour Market Information

Driving instructors

Driving instructors co-ordinate and undertake the instruction of people learning to drive cars, motorcycles, buses and haulage vehicles.

Common tasks in this job:

- checks instruction and learning standards and discusses teaching plans with other instructors;
- plans lessons in accordance with the needs and abilities of individual pupils;
- explains driving techniques and assists pupil with difficulties;
- familiarises pupil with the Highway Code and different road and traffic conditions;

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Vocational and industrial trainers and instructors

Vocational and industrial trainers provide instruction in manual, manipulative and other vocational skills and advise on, plan and organise vocational instruction within industrial, commercial and other establishments.

Common tasks in this job:

- assesses training requirements and prepares lectures, demonstrations and study aids;
- supervises trainee development, assists trainees with difficulties and prepares regular progress reports on each trainee for management;
- arranges work experience and instructional visits for trainees;
- plans curriculum and rota of staff duties and updates or amends them in light of developments;

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Bus and coach drivers

Bus and coach drivers drive road passenger-carrying vehicles such as buses, coaches and mini-buses.

Common tasks in this job:

- checks tyres, brakes, lights, oil, water and fuel levels and general condition of the vehicle before start of journey;
- drives single- and double-decked vehicle over pre-determined route, complying with traffic regulations and keeping to time schedule;
- stops and opens and closes doors at pre-arranged places to allow passengers to board and alight, observing regulations concerning the number of passengers carried;
- may collect fares from passengers and issue tickets or ensure that they use a ticket machine;

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Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

NATS Air Traffic
Controller - London



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWJq5Gs0mnA>

British Army
Driving Instructor



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BQwTTw37AE>

How to become a
Driving Instructor



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zklgl9LyzVY>

What is it like to be a
Driving Instructor?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wrSuH7Rdhw>

Useful Websites

[Driving Instructor Training Courses | BSM](#)

[Driving instructor | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Are you ready to become an LGV trainer? \(safedrivingforlife.info\)](#)

[Become a DVSA assessed CBT motorcycle instructor: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions | RED Instructor Training \(reddrivingschool.com\)](#)

[Transport | The British Army \(mod.uk\)](#)

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