

# What is HGV Class 2 Licence?



HGV Class 2 licence (also known as Category C or Class C licence) is a type of driving licence required to drive a commercial vehicle that weighs between 3,500kg and 32,000kg. This includes rigid-body vehicles such as lorries, dump trucks, and delivery trucks.

To obtain an **HGV Class 2 licence**, you need to pass a series of tests that assess your ability to safely drive a large commercial vehicle on public roads. The tests typically include a theory test, a practical driving test, and a vehicle safety demonstration test.

You also need to meet certain age and health requirements. What is HGV Class 2 Licence?" An HGV Class 2 licence is a type of **commercial driving**

**licence** that allows the holder to operate a medium-sized goods vehicle with a maximum weight of 3,500kg.

Once you have obtained an HGV Class 2 licence, you can legally drive a Category C vehicle on UK roads. This licence is often required for jobs in the transport and logistics industry, such as delivery drivers, waste management drivers, and construction site operatives.

## How to get an HGV Class 2 Licence?

**To get an HGV Class 2 Licence in the UK, you need to follow these steps:**

- 1). Get a provisional Category C Licence:** To get started, you need to apply for a provisional Category C licence. To do this, you must be at least 18 years old and have a full car driving licence.
- 2). Pass the theory tests:** Next, you will need to pass two theory tests, which are a multiple-choice test and a hazard perception test. These tests assess your knowledge of the Highway Code and your ability to identify and respond to potential hazards on the road.
- 3). Take HGV Class 2 training:** Once you have passed the theory tests, you will need to take HGV Class 2 training with a registered training provider. The training typically lasts for several days and includes both practical and theoretical elements.
- 4). Pass the practical driving test:** Once you have completed your training, you will need to pass a practical driving test. This test includes a vehicle safety demonstration, a reversing exercise, and a road driving test.

**5). Receive your HGV Class 2 Licence:** If you pass the practical driving test, you will receive your HGV Class 2 Licence, which will allow you to drive commercial vehicles with a weight of between 3,500kg and 32,000kg. It is important to note that obtaining an HGV Class 2 Licence can be a costly and time-consuming process, so it is important to carefully consider your options before committing to training.

### **What is the difference between an HGV Class 1 and Class 2 licence?**

The main difference between an HGV Class 1 (also known as Category CE or Class CE) and Class 2 (also known as Category C or Class C) licence is the type of vehicle that you are licensed to drive.

**HGV Class 2 Licence:** With an HGV Class 2 Licence, you are licensed to drive a category C vehicle which includes rigid vehicles weighing over 3,500kg with a trailer up to 750kg.

**HGV Class 1 Licence:** With an **HGV Class 1 Licence**, you are licensed to drive category CE vehicles, which include articulated vehicles such as tractor-trailer combinations or "artics." The combined weight of the vehicle and trailer can be up to 44,000kg.

To obtain an HGV Class 1 Licence, you must already hold an HGV Class 2 Licence and pass an additional practical driving test with a category CE vehicle.

### **In summary**

while both licences allow you to drive commercial vehicles, an HGV Class 2 Licence allows you to drive a smaller category C vehicle, while an HGV Class 1 Licence allows you to drive larger articulated category CE vehicles.