

COMPLETE COST BREAKDOWN HGV Licence Costs 2026 Guide

Every fee, every step — no surprises.

Transparent pricing for every HGV licence category

Getting an HGV licence involves several separate costs — DVLA fees, DVSA test fees, medical costs, and training fees. This guide breaks down every single cost for each licence category so you can plan your budget with confidence. All figures are current as of July 2026.



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Finance Available

Spread the cost of your training with flexible payment options.



Funded Routes

Skills Bootcamps and employer funding available for eligible candidates.

Fixed DVLA and DVSA Fees — 2026

These fees are set by the government and are the same regardless of which training school you use. They apply to all HGV licence categories unless stated otherwise.

DVLA Application Fees

Item	Fee	Notes
Provisional HGV licence application (D2)	Free	Online or by post
Licence renewal after passing test	Free	DVLA updates automatically
Replacement licence (if lost/damaged)	£20	Optional

DVSA Theory Test Fees

Test	Fee	Notes
Part 1a — Multiple choice	£26	100 questions, 115 minutes
Part 1b — Hazard perception	£11	19 video clips
Part 2 — Case studies (LGV/PCV)	£23	7 case studies, 90 minutes
Theory total (all three parts)	£60	Valid 2 years from pass date

DVSA Practical Test Fees

Test module	Fee	Notes
Module 3a — Off-road exercises	Included in 3b fee	Reversing, coupling/uncoupling
Module 3b — On-road driving	£115	Approx. 60 minutes on road
Module 4 — Practical CPC demonstration	£55	Required for Driver CPC

D4 Medical Examination

A D4 Group 2 medical is required before applying for a provisional HGV licence. Cost: £50–£100 at a GP or approved medical practitioner. This is not a government fee — it is charged by the doctor. The medical is valid for 4 years (or 1 year from age 65).

Training Costs by Licence Category

Training costs vary based on the number of days required and your starting experience. The ranges below reflect typical GS Driver Training packages.

Category	Description	Training days	Approx. cost
C1	Medium vehicles 3.5–7.5t	3–5 days	£1,200–£1,800
C (Class 2)	Rigid HGV from scratch	5–7 days	£2,500–£3,500
C+E (Class 1)	Artic (requires Cat C first)	3–5 days	£1,500–£2,500
D1	Minibus up to 16 passengers	3–5 days	£1,500–£2,200
D (PCV)	Full bus licence	5–7 days	£2,500–£3,500
Driver CPC Initial	4-module qualification	4 days + tests	£800–£1,200
Driver CPC Periodic	35 hrs / 5 years	Per day	£100–£150/day

Total all-in cost examples



Cat C from scratch (all-in)

Medical + theory + training + test + CPC: approximately £3,500–£5,000 total.



Cat C+E from scratch (all-in)

Cat C + C+E training + all fees + CPC: approximately £5,500–£8,500 total.



PCV from scratch (all-in)

Medical + theory + training + test + CPC: approximately £3,500–£5,000 total.



C1 from scratch (all-in)

Medical + theory + training + test: approximately £1,500–£2,500 total.

How to Fund Your HGV Training

You do not necessarily have to pay for your HGV licence out of pocket. Several funding routes are available depending on your circumstances.



Skills Bootcamps (DfE)

Government-funded HGV training for eligible adults. Fully funded or heavily subsidised. Check gov.uk/skills-bootcamps for current availability in your area.



Employer Sponsorship

Many haulage companies will fund your licence in exchange for a commitment to work for them. Ask logistics employers directly – many advertise sponsored training roles.



Personal Finance / Loan

GS Driver Training can discuss flexible payment plans. Personal loans for vocational training are also available from high street banks and specialist lenders.



Recruitment Agency Funding

Some HGV recruitment agencies fund training in exchange for being placed through them. Agencies such as Driver Hire and Manpower operate such schemes.



Armed Forces Resettlement

If you are leaving the armed forces, the Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) scheme may fund your HGV training. Speak to your resettlement officer.



Apprenticeships

The Large Goods Vehicle Driver apprenticeship standard (Level 2) can fund training through the apprenticeship levy. Ask employers about apprenticeship vacancies.



Ask GS about current funding availability

Funding schemes change regularly. Contact GS Driver Training to find out which funded routes are currently available and whether you are eligible. We can help you navigate the options and minimise your out-of-pocket costs.

Complete Cost Summary — Cat C from Scratch

The table below shows every cost involved in getting a Category C (Class 2) rigid HGV licence from scratch, including Driver CPC. This is the most common starting point for new HGV drivers.

Item	Min	Max	Who charges it
D4 medical examination	£50	£100	GP / medical practitioner
DVLA provisional application (D2)	Free	Free	DVLA
Theory — Part 1a (multiple choice)	£26	£26	DVSA
Theory — Part 1b (hazard perception)	£11	£11	DVSA
Theory — Part 2 (case studies)	£23	£23	DVSA
Practical training (Cat C, 5–7 days)	£2,500	£3,500	Training school
Practical test — Module 3b	£115	£115	DVSA
CPC Module 2 — theory test	£23	£23	DVSA
CPC Module 4 — practical demonstration	£55	£55	DVSA
CPC training (if required)	£400	£800	Training school
Total estimated range	£3,203	£4,653	

 These are estimates — get a personalised quote

Training costs depend on your starting experience, how quickly you progress, and whether you need resit tests. Contact GS Driver Training for a personalised quote based on your specific situation.



Get a personalised quote today

No hidden fees. No surprises. Just straightforward, expert training.

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All Courses Available

- ✓ Category C+E Articulated (Class 1)
- ✓ Category C Rigid HGV (Class 2)
- ✓ Category C1 Medium Vehicles
- ✓ PCV / Minibus / Ambulance
- ✓ Driver CPC Initial Qualification
- ✓ Driver CPC Periodic Training
- ✓ Tachograph & Compliance

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