

FUNDING GUIDE 2026

Funding Your HGV Licence

Grants, bootcamps, employer schemes and more.

You may not have to pay for your HGV licence out of pocket

HGV training costs between £2,500 and £5,000 depending on the licence category. But there are several routes to get funded — fully or partially — so that cost does not have to come from your own pocket. This guide explains every funding option available in 2026 and how to access them.



Skills Bootcamps

Government-funded training for eligible adults. Fully funded in many cases.



Employer Funding

Many haulage companies will pay for your licence in exchange for employment.



Armed Forces

Enhanced Learning Credits available for service leavers and veterans.

Skills Bootcamps — Fully Funded HGV Training

Skills Bootcamps are government-funded training programmes delivered by approved providers. HGV driver training is one of the most commonly funded categories.



Who is eligible?

Adults aged 19+ who are employed, self-employed, or recently unemployed. You must be a UK resident. There is no upper age limit.



How much is funded?

Up to 100% of training costs for unemployed candidates. Employed candidates may receive up to 70% funding, with the employer contributing the rest.



What is included?

Skills Bootcamps typically cover the full Cat C or C+E licence including theory tests, practical training, and DVSA test fees.



How long does it take?

Skills Bootcamp HGV programmes typically run for 4–16 weeks depending on the provider and licence category.



How to find a bootcamp?

Search gov.uk/skills-bootcamps for approved providers in your area. Availability changes regularly — check frequently.



Ask GS Driver Training

GS can advise on current Skills Bootcamp availability and whether you are likely to qualify. Call 01252 447808.



Skills Bootcamp places are limited — act quickly

Funded places fill up fast. If you are interested in a Skills Bootcamp, do not delay. Contact GS Driver Training or check gov.uk today to find available places near you.

Employer-Sponsored HGV Training

Many haulage and logistics companies will pay for your HGV licence in exchange for a commitment to work for them. This is one of the most common routes into the industry.



How employer sponsorship works

The employer pays for your training upfront. In return, you agree to work for them for a set period (typically 12–24 months) after qualifying. If you leave early, you may be required to repay some of the training cost.



Where to find sponsored roles

Search job boards (Indeed, Reed, Totaljobs) for 'sponsored HGV training' or 'funded HGV licence'. Major supermarkets, parcel carriers, and logistics companies regularly advertise these roles.



Which companies offer sponsorship?

Tesco, Sainsbury's, DHL, DPD, Amazon Logistics, Wincanton, and many regional hauliers offer sponsored training. Check their careers pages directly.



What to ask before signing

Ask about the repayment clause, the length of the commitment, the type of work you will be doing, and the salary during and after training.



Apprenticeships

The Large Goods Vehicle Driver apprenticeship (Level 2) funds training through the apprenticeship levy. Ask employers about apprenticeship vacancies — these are available to all ages.



Recruitment agency schemes

Some HGV recruitment agencies (Driver Hire, Manpower, Brook Street) fund training in exchange for being placed through them. Ask agencies directly.



Tip: apply for jobs before you have your licence

Many employers will consider candidates who do not yet have their HGV licence if they are committed to getting one. Apply now and mention that you are in the process of training — some employers will then offer to fund the rest of your training.

Further Funding Options



Armed Forces Resettlement (ELC)

The Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) scheme provides up to £2,000 per claim for service leavers and veterans to fund vocational training including HGV licences. Speak to your resettlement officer or visit enhancedlearningcredits.com.



Jobcentre Plus / DWP

If you are unemployed and claiming benefits, your Jobcentre Plus work coach may be able to fund HGV training as part of a back-to-work programme. Ask specifically about the Flexible Support Fund.



Personal Loan / Finance

High street banks and specialist lenders offer personal loans for vocational training. GS Driver Training can also discuss flexible payment plans to spread the cost of your training.



Credit Card (0% Interest)

Some candidates use a 0% purchase credit card to fund training and repay over 12–24 months interest-free. This works well if you have a job lined up and can repay quickly.



Family Contribution

Many candidates receive a contribution from family members. An HGV licence is a long-term investment — the salary increase typically pays back the training cost within 3–6 months.



Construction Industry Training Board

If you work in construction, the CITB may fund HGV training as part of a skills development grant. Check citb.co.uk for current grant rates.



Talk to GS before you commit to any funding route

Funding schemes change regularly. GS Driver Training can advise on which options are currently available and most suitable for your situation. Call 01252 447808 or email gary@gsdrivertraining.com.

Is an HGV Licence Worth the Investment?

Even if you pay for your training yourself, an HGV licence typically pays for itself within a few months through higher earnings.

Scenario	Before HGV	After HGV	Extra per year
Van driver → Cat C (Class 2)	£24,000	£32,000	+£8,000
Cat C → Cat C+E (Class 1)	£32,000	£42,000	+£10,000
Unemployed → Cat C driver	£0	£30,000	+£30,000
Car driver → PCV bus driver	£24,000	£30,000	+£6,000
Car driver → C1 ambulance	£24,000	£28,000	+£4,000

Payback period examples



Cat C training (£3,500)

At +£8,000/year extra earnings, the training pays back in approximately 5 months.



C+E training (£2,000)

At +£10,000/year extra earnings, the training pays back in approximately 2-3 months.



Full C+E from scratch (£6,000)

At +£18,000/year extra earnings vs previous job, payback in approximately 4 months.



Find out how to fund your training today

Call GS Driver Training — we will help you find the best funding route.

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