

General Information

Aim. This course is designed to provide an independent re-assessment and certification of qualified Emergency Response Drivers.

Summary of Training. The course will assess and provide Delegates with the knowledge, skills and attitude required to drive Fire & Rescue Service Vehicles to emergencies and consists of 2 parts;

Part 1 – Pre Course Training

All students who attend the ERD Course must be fully conversant with the Highway Code and 'Roadcraft' – The Police Drivers handbook. Copies of 'Roadcraft' and the Highway Code should be held on Unit. Also the following that are provided on this site:

- Cockpit drill,
- Moving Brake Test,
- The Commentary drive

In order to measure your underpinning knowledge, you will be required to pass a Driving Standards Agency (DSA) Theory Test Paper (pass mark 43/50) which is based on the Highway Code along with the DSA Hazard Perception Test, which has 14 clips with a pass mark of 44 out of a possible 75, on the first day of your course. Failure to pass the DSA Theory Test Paper will result in a retest on Tuesday morning; failure to pass this test will result in you being returned to your Station.

Part 2 - Formal Training: The course consists of 2.5 days training covering:

- Road Traffic Law and Regulations,
- Observation,
- System of vehicle control,
- Vehicle handling,
- Driving at speed,
- 'Blue light' driving.
- Student formative assessment
- Student Blue Light summative assessment

Course Programme

A copy of the ERD Course programme is provided on this site.

Course Documentation

You are required to bring the following documentation:

- Civilian Driving Licence (both parts)
- Record of Driving Hours

Further Information

In addition to this document you should refer to:

- DFTDC Information – General Information, Location Map and Contacts
- General Information – Course Information, MT Regulations (JSP 800) and MT Orders
- Forms – DFRS Forms 221 and 222