

driving licences by stingray RV

Are you thinking of buying or hiring a motorhome (motor caravan) to get to your holiday destination?

Before you decide, you'll need to check the categories on your driving licence and the size and weight of the motorhome you are going to drive.

You'll need to make sure your driving licence has the right vehicle category for you to drive a motorhome.

On the following pages we have listed information and material to help you to understand the different driving license categories, the weight and size restrictions, and limitations when it comes to legally driving a motorhomes on UK or European roads.

A little help on the often used terms:

**Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM) =
Gross Vehicle Weight Restriction (GVWR)**

This information states the total weight of a vehicle plus anything it can carry safely.



Category B

Drivers holding a drivers license of this category can drive vehicles with a maximum authorised mass (MAM) of up to 3500 kilograms, with no more than 8+1 seats, and can tow a trailer no heavier than 750 kilograms.

This category also permits to tow a trailer NOT heavier than 750 kilograms if the MAM of the vehicle and trailer together is no more than 3500 kilograms. The trailer must be lighter than the vehicle towing it.

To tow a trailer heavier than 750 kilograms you'll need category B+E.

Category C1

This category permits to drive vehicles with a MAM over 3500 kilograms but less than 7500 kilograms with a trailer no heavier than 750 kilograms. To tow a heavier trailer you'll need category C1+E.

If you passed your category B before 1st January 1997 your licence will already show C1, C1E (8.25 tonnes), D1, D1E (not for hire or reward) as entitlement flowing from the category B.

Category C1 + E

Combinations of vehicles where the towing vehicle is in subcategory C1 and its trailer has a MAM of over 750kg provided that the MAM of the combination thus formed does not exceed 12000kg and the MAM of the trailer does not exceed the unladen mass of the towing vehicle. If the MAM of the combination exceeds 8.25 tonnes it is classed as a large goods vehicle and the driver will be subject to the conduct regime.

Category C

With this category you can drive vehicles with a MAM over 3500 kilograms with a trailer no heavier than 750 kilograms. To tow a trailer that weighs more than 750 kilograms you'll need category C+E.

Category C + E

Large vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer over 750kg.

Driving Licence explained

Column 9 shows categories of entitlement

Columns 10 & 11 show the validity period of the entitlement

Column 12 shows information & restriction codes

13.	9. Cat.	10. From	11. To	12. Codes
14.	A	<02-06-75	21-01-19	
	B	<02-06-75	21-01-19	
	BE	<02-06-75	21-01-19	
	B1	<02-06-75	21-01-19	
	C	24-10-00	21-01-15	
	CE	13-12-00	21-01-15	
	C1E	<02-06-75	21-01-19	107
	D1	<02-06-75	21-01-19	101
	D1E	<02-06-75	21-01-19	101,119
	fkinp	<02-06-75	21-01-19	
	115			

F = Agricultural tractors
 K = Mowing machines,
 Pedestrian-controlled vehicles
 G = Road Roller
 H = Tracked vehicles
 L = Electrically propelled vehicles
 P = Mopeds

Codes:

107 = not more than 8250kg
 101 = not for hire or reward
 118 = start date for earliest entitlement
 119 = weight limit does not apply

(Codes fully explained
 on the following pages)

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Please note:

If you passed the category C1+E test:

- **before 1 January 1997**

(shown as C1+E (107) on the licence) you are limited to drive vehicles up to 8.25 tonnes including the trailer.

- **after 1 January 1997** you are entitled to drive combinations up to 12 tonnes where the MAM of the trailer exceeds 750 kilograms but does not exceed the unladen weight of the towing vehicle.

If you are looking to upgrade your driving license:

The table below shows the full licence that needs to be held before you can apply for provisional entitlement in the higher categories.

Provisional Entitlement Required	Full Licence to be held
B+E*, G*, H*, C1, C, D1, D	B
C1 + E	C1
C + E	C
D1+E	D1













Driving Licence
codes explained

Code	Description
01	eyesight correction
02	hearing/communication aid
10	modified transmission
15	modified clutch
20	modified braking systems
25	modified accelerator systems
30	combined braking and accelerator systems
35	modified control layouts
40	modified steering
42	modified rear - view mirror(s)
43	modified driving seats
44	modifications to motorcycles
45	motorcycle only with sidecar
70	exchange of licence
71	duplicate of licence
78	restricted to vehicles with automatic transmission
79	restricted to vehicles in conformity with the specifications stated in brackets













Driving Licence codes explained

Code	Description
101	not for hire or reward
102	drawbar trailers only
103	subject to certificate of competence
105	not more than 5.5m long
106	restricted to vehicles with automatic transmission
107	not more than 8250kg
108	subject to minimum age requirements
110	limited to invalid carriages
111	limited to 16 passenger seats
113	limited to 16 passenger seats except for automatics
114	with any special controls required for safe driving
115	organ donor
118	start date is for earliest entitlement
119	weight limit does not apply
120	complies with health standard for category D1
121	restricted to conditions specified in the Secretary of State's notice
122	valid on successful completion: Basic Moped Training Course

Summary of the
driving licence
categories:

A 	> 50 cm ³ > 45 km/h (alt. max. 25 kW - 0.16 kW / kg)
A1 	max. 125 cm ³ max. 11 kW 16 < max. 80 km/h < 18
B 	max. 3.5 t max. 8+1 人  < 750 kg
BE 	 > 750 kg
C1 	> 3.5t, < 7.5t max. 8+1 人  < 750 kg
C1E 	 > 750 kg max. 12t
C 	 < 750 kg

Summary of the
driving licence
categories:

CE		 > 750 kg
D1		 < 750 kg max. 16+1 
D1E		 > 750 kg max. 16+1  max. 12t
D		 < 750 kg
DE		 > 750 kg