

Safe Road User Award

Important Information

The Safe Road User Award consists of two Units which will enable you to:

- develop responsible, careful and considerate attitudes towards yourself and other road users
- develop the knowledge and understanding you need to be a safe road user

The qualification **does not provide actual driving experience** and **will not authorise you to drive** a motor vehicle.

To complete the award successfully you must be able to show that you have acquired the necessary knowledge and understanding needed to develop your road sense. You will need to show that you have the positive attitudes and behaviour which a proficient road user has.

You will do this by completing assessment activities which could include:

- case studies
- multiple choice questions
- developing a personal action plan
- carrying out risk assessments
- verbal questions from your tutor

On successful completion of this Award, you will be eligible, *within three years of certification*, to sit an *abridged version of the DSA Driver Theory Test*. For more information contact the Driving Standards Agency.

The partial theory test exemption assessment will be 20 questions, based on the official DSA Theory Test for Car Drivers, with 25 minutes allowed. Topic areas will include: Safety, Hazard Awareness, Other Road Users, Rules of the Road, Road and Traffic Signs, Documents and Vehicle Loading. The questions will apply to all users of the highway, including those travelling as passengers. This consists of an online objective test specified by DSA, ***it cannot be amended or adapted in any way***. The online test of 20 questions is based on the Highway Code, topic areas will include: Safety, Hazard Awareness, Other Road Users, Rules of the Road, Road and Traffic Signs, Documents and Vehicle Loading.

Aims of the Award

Overall the Award is designed to build road sense. It will enable you to become proficient road users by helping you to develop constructive attitudes and positive behaviours when using the roads.

Principal aims of the Award

The principal aims of the Award are to enable candidates to:

- develop responsible, careful and considerate attitudes towards road use
- develop positive, considerate behaviour when using the road
- become more proficient when using the road

- understand the impact that other roads users have on them and the impact that they may have on other road users
- understand the importance of co-operating and communicating with other road users in a safe and constructive manner
- prepare for a journey by road by identifying the factors to be considered before setting out
- understand the key elements of the Highway Code

General aims of the Award

In general, the Award will enable candidates to:

- begin to develop a life-long learning approach to their use of the roads
- recognise the effect that their attitudes and behaviour may have on others and how others may affect them
- develop transferable skills in co-operating with others
- improve their career prospects

Target groups

The Award is targeted primarily at young people from 14 to 16 years of age. This is a group which will have some experience as road users as pedestrians, on bicycles and as passengers in cars and other vehicles. They have, however, reached an age where they are likely to become more frequent road users and to use the roads in different capacities. They may, for example, be preparing to learn to drive a car, or a motor cycle or other vehicle and may be passengers in vehicles driven by friends who have reached driving age. The award is not, however, confined to this particular age group and could be used as an introductory course for any group who wish to develop their road sense.

Employment opportunities

Many employers have reported that newly qualified young drivers lack the road skills necessary to be employed in driving jobs. This Award will enable candidates to develop the lifeskill of being a safe, effective and considerate road user with the positive attitude and behaviour towards others which this entails. As such, it will enhance candidates' overall employability. It will also provide opportunities to develop the Core Skill of *Working with Others*.

Access to the Award

No specific knowledge is required to embark on this Award.

However, candidates will bring with them their own experience of road use so far. This will have been gained in various ways such as using the roads as a pedestrian or being a passenger in a vehicle probably driven by an adult such as a parent. Some candidates will also have experience of using the roads as a cyclist.

What can I do next?

You could consider:

Working towards your driving theory test

Working towards your hazard perception test

Working towards your driving test (dependant on age)

NQ Motor Vehicle maintenance Units