

Trainee licence option

At the end of your Part 3 training you have the option of obtaining a trainee licence, sometimes referred to as a 'pink' licence. This allows you to legally be paid for giving driving instruction to gain experience before sitting the final test. As you will need to have a learner to take with you for your Part 3 test, this will also give you a choice of a potentially suitable candidate. The licence lasts for a maximum of six months and normally only one is granted in the two-year qualifying period. To apply for a trainee licence you are legally required to take at least 40 hours of Part 3 training before hand, plus whilst on a Trainee Licence you are legally required to undertake at least a further 20 hours of training, or have 20% of lessons you provide supervised by another fully qualified ADI. You must also be sponsored by another ADI or driving school and book your first attempt at Part 3 test with three months of issue of the licence.

Different people develop in different ways. Some will benefit from a trainee licence, and some people are more suited to go straight to test. Depending on how you progress, advice will be given as to whether the trainee licence is going to be a good option for you. If you decide that a trainee licence will work for you then you can do this as an ELITE franchisee. If you do this you will receive the additional 20 hours at a subsidised rate of £48 per hour.