General Information

What is Required by You?

To pass the Large Goods Vehicle driving test a candidate must demonstrate,

- a high standard of competence in handling the vehicle.
- be able to apply the rules of the Highway Code.
- show that they have a full understanding of the principals involved in driving large goods vehicles
- apply those principles and demonstrate proper control of the vehicle in a wide variety of situations.

In addition, because of the size and weight of their vehicle, the drivers of lorries must have a highly developed level of courtesy and consideration for other road users.

What is Involved in your LGV Driving TEST?

Your test will include:

- Reverse manoeuvre (3a)
- Vehicle safety questions (3b)
- 1 hour of practical road driving (3b)

Reverse Test (3a)

Your test may last up to 30 minutes, and includes:

- an 'S' shaped reverse into a bay
- showing the uncoupling and recoupling procedure if you're taking a test with a trailer

Vehicle safety questions (3b)

During your test you'll be asked at least 5 vehicle safety questions. You must be able to answer general questions regarding the safety of your vehicle. A list of general questions will be provided. If these questions are answered unsatisfactorily or not at all the Examiner may mark it accordingly as either a fault or a fail.

Practical Road Driving Test (3b)

This test will last for 1 hour. During your practical road driving,

the examiner will see how you:

- use the vehicle controls
- move away at an angle, uphill and downhill
- do a controlled stop
- use the mirrors
- give appropriate signals
- show awareness and anticipation of other road users' intentions
- manage your progress and control your vehicle speed
- deal with hazards
- select a safe place to stop (this practice will be carried out on no less than 5 occasions)
- Independent Driving

There will be 10 minutes of independent driving, designed to test your ability to drive safely while making independent decisions.

Test result

You'll pass your test if you make:

- 12 or fewer driving faults
- no serious or dangerous faults

