

SCHOOL MIDAS TRAINING

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

INTRODUCING MIDAS

The Community Transport Association operates MiDAS throughout the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, under licence from Hampshire County Council which initially developed MiDAS and operates the scheme in Hampshire, Portsmouth and

MiDAS certificate for minibus drivers

There are two certificates which can be achieved; Standard and Accessible.

If you undertake the basic training then you will receive a certificate which enables you to drive standard (non-wheelchair accessible) minibuses only.

The MiDAS certificate for minibus drivers will enable you to drive the minibus of other MiDAS members without needing to be re-assessed.

How MiDAS works for minibus drivers

The MiDAS course for minibus drivers includes some practical elements and some classroom elements.

Southampton. MiDAS is designed to make appropriate training, assessment and accreditation available for voluntary sector organisations, local authorities, care providers and educational establishments.

All drivers attend a classroom session which looks at:

- Legal requirements for minibus drivers
- Driving for safety and economy
- Passenger safety
- Child passenger safety
- Personal safety for drivers
- Breakdown, accident and emergency procedures.

There are many potential benefits of MiDAS including:

- *Enhanced passenger safety*
- *Improved passenger comfort*
- *Increased staff confidence*
- *Reduced stress on staff*
- *Potential reduction in vehicle running costs*
- *Potential reduction in insurance premiums*

- Driving familiarisation
- Driving assessment.

They then undergo a driving assessment, which includes:

- Eyesight check
- Basic vehicle familiarisation
- Demonstration and commentary drive

OBJECTIVES OF MIDAS FOR DRIVERS

The objectives of MiDAS for drivers are that minibus drivers will:

- Be assessed to ensure their driving skills are of an acceptable standard.
- Be given help where necessary to improve their minibus driving skills.
- Be aware of the legal, practical and safety issues surrounding minibus driving.
- Be trained and assessed in the safe use of wheelchair accessible minibuses where necessary.
- Receive a certificate that is accepted by other MiDAS members.

The additional modules that need to be covered for Accessible certificate are:

- Passenger awareness
- Passenger assistance
- Safe use of passenger lifts and ramps
- Wheelchair and passenger restraint equipment
- Legal requirements and good practice.

How to book your MiDAS training

A Standard (Basic course) costs £100.00 plus VAT per person

The Accessible course costs of £125.00 plus VAT per person

Either course can be completed within 1 day*. MiDAS training can be carried out either at your school, or at our training centre in Wormley, near Godalming

Waverley Hoppa Community Transport - Call Centre 01428 681710

*Courses run between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Course duration may vary depending upon the number of students.

