

Qualities of a Driver Trainer

You love driving and you feel that you'd make a good teacher, but have you the patience of a Saint and a doctor's bedside manner?

There will always be people who want and need to learn to drive, so equally there will always be a call for professional driver trainers to teach them.

Becoming a qualified Driver Trainer is not simply starting a new job, but learning the skills of a new profession which can last the rest of your working life.

A blend of good interpersonal skills, a sense of humour and product knowledge is a good starting point. You will find each learner driver has a different character and personality; there'll hardly be a dull moment! One lesson might be with a 17 year old who has the mind of a "boy racer", the next could be with a mature elderly learner.

You need to be patient - it's not always easy to be the perfect driver and spend your time sitting next to people who can't drive! On balance, it is very satisfying to consider that the skills you are teaching will provide a foundation for good driving throughout their motoring lives.

Sometimes people choose driver training as a career to escape the mundane 9 to 5 existence of an office or factory based job. They enjoy the variety that it offers and the flexibility of hours.

Teaching people to drive is a highly skilled profession. To become an Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) you will have to undergo and pass three parts of a qualifying examination. Gaining the qualification will mean that you are able to provide learner drivers with a level of professional instruction that will enable them not only to pass the theoretical and practical driving tests, but also and, most importantly, to become safe and confident drivers on the road. It is also highly rewarding.

For most driver trainers, the most enjoyable part of their work is to share people's achievement as they pass the driving test. Knowing that you're the person who's helped them achieve their goal is enormously satisfying - together with the fact that they'll probably remember you for the rest of their lives!