

VTP496 Heavy Vehicle Driving Skills

DESCRIPTION

The training program for Heavy Vehicle driving licenses involves the skills and knowledge required to drive a heavy vehicle safely. It includes systematic and efficient control of all vehicle functions, monitoring of traffic, road conditions, management of vehicle conditions and performance, and effective management of hazardous situations.

Assessment of these courses must be undertaken within a licensing examination conducted by, or under the authority of, the relevant state/territory Road Traffic Authority or a Registered MVR Training Organisation

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To ensure you have the right skills and support to succeed in your course, a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LL&N) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into VTP496 Heavy Vehicle Driving Skills, candidates require:

- a current Northern Territory class C drivers licence (NT MVR cannot upgrade/issue interstate licences, some states may accept our assessment for upgrading, check with relevant state MVR.)
- **For class LR** (Light Rigid) – must have held a class C Licence for 12 months.
- **For class MR** (Medium Rigid) – must have held a class C or class LR Licence for 12 months.
- **For class HR** (Heavy Rigid) – must have held a class C Licence for 24 months or have held a class LR or class MR licence for 12 months.
- **For class HC** (Heavy Combination) – must have held a class MR or class HR licence for 12 months.
- **For class MC** (Multi Combination) – must have held a class HR or class HC licence for 12 months.
- Must have zero blood alcohol content.
- Must be alert and cooperative.

Test candidates for **LR, MR & HR** may choose to undertake the theory component of the licencing test at **MVR**. If a driving assessment only is required by CDU, there is a driver test with no resits included. Please speak to your CDU Representative for applicable fees.

Test candidates for **HC** and **MC** must undertake the full training course at a Motor Vehicle Registry approved Registered Training Organisation.

To receive approved MVR driving test documentation, all relevant fees must have been paid.

For heavy vehicle driver training in remote locations, lecturer travel, and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the student or their employer.

For heavy vehicle driver training where a student travels to a town centre, travel and accommodation are the responsibility of the individual or their employer.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darwin • Katherine • Tennant Creek • Alice Springs • Nhulunbuy (up to HR) <p>(Remote training may be available by arrangement but the practical test must be carried out in an approved town centre).</p>	<p>Up to one week of theory pre-reading with up to two (2) days for theory tests*.</p> <p>Up to two (2) weeks of practical driver training and testing*. (*These times may be less for experienced candidates).</p> <p>Driver testing is restricted to: 1 participant for LR per day. 4 participants for MR per week. 4 participants per week for HR. 3 participants per week for HC. 3 participants per week for MC.</p> <p>Waitlists are available.</p>	<p>Self-paced theory study and face-to-face theory training</p> <p>Hands-on driver training in town centres or in remote locations by arrangement.</p> <p>Formal licenced assessment, to MVR requirements including cabin video and audio recording, on approved NT town centre routes only. MVR state that you cannot be trained and assessed on the same day.</p>

* Duration will vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

FEES

Fee Type	2024 Course Fees
NT Government Supported* Regional and Remote only	\$481 - \$555 (depending on elective choice)
Full Fee	\$2,350 - \$2,725 (depending on elective choice)

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Assessments vary with each unit. You will be provided with an assessment guide.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

RESOURCES

Students are issued with resource books and student workbooks for the licence undertaken.

Suitable footwear and clothing are required.

A student may be assessed in their own heavy vehicle if it meets MVR requirements ([Licence classes and conditions](#)) but in all other cases, vehicles for training and assessment are provided.

PROGRAM CONTENT

This training program covers up to 5 units of competency taken from the TLI Training Package, which is recognised nationwide.

ELECTIVE UNITS

Heavy Rigid (HR)	Heavy Combination (HC)	Medium Combination (MC)	Light Rigid (LR)	Medium Rigid (MR)	4 Wheel Drive (4WD)
TLILIC2016	TLILIC3017	TLILIC3018	TLILIC2014	TLILIC2015	TLIC0023
TLIA1001	TLIA1001	TLIA1001	TLIA1001	TLIA1001	TLIA1001
TLIB0002	TLIB0002	TLIB0002	TLIB0002	TLIB0002	TLIB0002
TLIF2010	TLIF2010	TLIF2010	TLIF2010	TLIF2010	TLIF2010
TLIF0025	TLIF0025	TLIF0025	TLIF0025	TLIF0025	TLIF0025

WITHDRAWING FROM A PROGRAM

You may withdraw from this program and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University supplies support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support](#).

CONTACT DETAILS

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