



# ESDS Pathway to Trainer Certification

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# ESDS Pathway to Trainer Certification – Level 1

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Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS qualification needed	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Be able to avail of Road Traffic Exemptions (Section 87 of RTA 2014 )	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 1 Category B	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat B	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test & ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category B
ESDS Level 1 Category BE	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat BE	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category BE
ESDS Level 1 Category W	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat W	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category W
ESDS Level 1 Category C1	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat C1	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category C1



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ESDS Level 1 Category C	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat C	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category C
ESDS Level 1 Category CE	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat CE	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category CE
ESDS Level 1 Category C1E	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat C1E	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category C1E



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<b>ESDS Level 1 Category D1</b>	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat D1	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category D1
<b>ESDS Level 1 Category D</b>	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat D	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category D
<b>ESDS Level 1 Category DE</b>	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat DE	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category DE
<b>ESDS Level 1 Category D1E</b>	ESDS Level 1 or 2 or 2 & 3 certified Driver in Cat D1E	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	Complete practical training <i>workshop</i> in ESDS	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category D1E



# ESDS Pathway to Trainer Certification – Level 2

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ESDS Level 2 Category B	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category B and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat B	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category B
ESDS Level 2 Category BE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category BE and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat BE	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category BE
ESDS Level 2 Category W	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category W and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat W	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category W
ESDS Level 2 Category C1	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category C1 and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Truck Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat C1	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C1



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ESDS Level 2 Category C	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category C and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Truck Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat C	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C
ESDS Level 2 Category CE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category CE and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Truck Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat CE	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category CE
ESDS Level 2 Category C1E	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category C1E and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Truck Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat C1E	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C1E



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ESDS Level 2 Category D1	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category D1 and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Bus Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat D1	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D1
ESDS Level 2 Category D	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category D and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Bus Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat D	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D
ESDS Level 2 Category DE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category DE and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Bus Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat DE	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category DE
ESDS Level 2 Category D1E	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 2 in Category D1E and have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test*, ESDS Trainer Module* and ESDS Bus Module* *(if not already completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 in Cat D1E	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D1E



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Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS qualification needed	Theory test requirement	Practical assessment requirement	Be able to avail of Road Traffic Exemptions (Section 87 of RTA 2014 )	Certification which will issue
ESDS Level 3 Category B	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat B & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test & ESDS Trainer Module	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat B	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category B
ESDS Level 3 Category BE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat BE & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test & ESDS Trainer Module	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat BE	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category BE
ESDS Level 3 Category W	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat W & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test & ESDS Trainer Module	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat W	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category W

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ESDS Level 3 Category C1	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C1 & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Truck Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat C1	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C1
ESDS Level 3 Category C	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Truck Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat C	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C
ESDS Level 3 Category C1E	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C1E & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Truck Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat C1E	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C1E

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ESDS Level 3 Category CE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat CE & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Truck Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat CE	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category CE
ESDS Level 3 Category D1	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat D1 & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Bus Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat D1	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D1

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ESDS Level 3 Category D	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat D & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Bus Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat D	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D
ESDS Level 3 Category DE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat DE & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Bus Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat DE	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category DE
ESDS Level 3 Category D1E	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat D1E & be an ESDS Level 2 Certified Trainer in any category	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test, ESDS Trainer Module & ESDS Bus Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3(if applicable) in Cat D1E	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D1E

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ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category B	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat B and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle Category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat B	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category B & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category B
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category BE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat BE and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat BE	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category BE & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category BE
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category W	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat W and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat W	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category W & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category W

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ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category C1	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C1 and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Truck Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat C1	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C1 & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C1
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category C	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Truck Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat C	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category C1E	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C1E and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Truck Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat C1E	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C1E & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C1E

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ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category CE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat CE and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Truck Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat CE	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category CE & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category CE
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category D1	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat D1 and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Bus Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat D1	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D1 & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D1

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ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category D	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat D and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Bus Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat D	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category DE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat DE and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Bus Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat DE	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category DE & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category DE
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category D1E	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat D1E and (have ESDS Level 1 Trainer certification in any vehicle category)	Will already have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory test and Bus Module. Must complete ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined in Cat D1E	Yes	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D1E & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D1E

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