

Can I Drive a Minibus?

There are a number of rules around the driving of minibuses which can be quite complicated. To try and make it as clear as possible we've provided the flowchart below that should help you work out if you can drive a minibus. If this doesn't help then please get in touch with the Student Activities Co-ordinator for advice.

Q1 Am I aged over 21, and have I held my licence for over 2 years?

Yes

Go on to Q2.



No

You are not eligible to drive a minibus as drivers must be aged over 21 and have held their licence over 2 years.
We do not at this time have other vehicles available for use.

Q2 Do I have category D1 permissions on the back of my plastic licence?

Yes – I have category D1 permissions because I passed my test before 1st January 1997.

Once you have been confirmed as covered by the Union vehicle insurance, you can drive a minibus that has up to 16 passenger seats, but may not do so for 'hire or reward' and may not tow a trailer.

Yes – I have category D1 permissions because I passed my Passenger Carrying Vehicle driving test.

Once you have been confirmed as covered by the Union vehicle insurance, you can drive a minibus that has up to 16 passenger seats and tow a trailer weighing up to 750kg, provided evidence of passing this test is passed to the Union and a confirmation is received from our insurers.

No – I do not have category D1 permissions on my driving licence

Once you have been confirmed as covered by the Union vehicle insurance, you are eligible to drive a minibus weighing no more than 3500kgs (usually a 13 passenger seat minibus at maximum), but may not do so for 'hire or reward', or tow a trailer. As the minibus weight is a criteria for you being allowed to drive it, you must monitor the weight of luggage and passengers on board as per Section 5 of this handbook.