

## The Car and Trailer Test (B+E)

### WHAT IS INVOLVED?

**The Car and Trailer Test (B+E) is examined to a very high standard and a high level of competency is required handling the vehicle in a systematic and eco-friendly manner to pass. We will always guide you on your readiness to take the test and work on your skills as necessary.**

The car and trailer test (B+E) copies the same format as the lorry driving test, it lasts for about 1 hour 15 mins and is of a very high standard.

The B+E tests are carried out at vocational (lorry and bus) driving test centres. We use either Garretts Green in Birmingham or Weedon in Northamptonshire.

The B+E test consists of 'show me tell me' and safety questions where up to 5 questions can be asked. These questions are regarding the safety of the vehicle and trailer, for example legal tyre depth, loading of the trailer etc. This might include opening the bonnet of the vehicle though you won't be asked to touch just tell. A driver fault will be recorded for each wrong answer up to 4 driver faults if all 5 are answered incorrectly then a serious will be marked and therefore a test failure. If the vehicle is fitted with an electronic diagnostic system it is acceptable to refer to this vehicle information.

There then follows the off road reverse manoeuvre where the driver is required to drive up to the start cones then reverse around a centrally placed cone and into a bay approx one and a half times the width of the vehicle combination.

Then it's onto the open road where they are looking for a good confident drive, during this drive there is a new section 'The Independent Drive' where the driver is given a well sign posted place to get too or is given a verbal, or picture set of directions to follow. This lasts only for about 10 minutes or for a number of junctions dependant on the route. There is no controlled stop as this has been incorporated in the 'pull up behind a stationary vehicle' and 'angled pull off'.

On return to the test centre the uncouple and recouple exercise manoeuvre is conducted if doing the B+E test.

From this point your examiner will inform you whether you have reached the required standard and have passed the test, or if not will issue you with a notice of failure.

In the event that you do not pass the test we will work with you to improve on the areas of failure to give you a more confident chance of passing on your re-tests.