



**OAKLEY
THOMPSON**
TECHNICAL TRAINING IN TRANSPORT

PROFESSIONAL PCV & HGV DRIVER TRAINING COURSES

SAFETY & COMPLIANCE IN ACTION



WELCOME

OakleyThompson is the North East's leading IMI (Institute of the Motor Industry) approved centre, delivering professional driver training that improves safety, compliance, and confidence across PSV and HGV operations.

With a dedicated training academy in Durham and the flexibility to deliver courses nationwide, we support transport operators in developing competent, compliant drivers who understand their legal responsibilities and the real-world risks of the job.

Our academy is led by two industry veterans with over 50 years of combined experience:

Andy – Operations & Training Director

An apprentice-trained professional with extensive experience across PSV, HGV, and LGV sectors. Andy brings a deep understanding of operational pressures, compliance requirements, and driver development into every training programme.

Vince – Technical & Engineering Manager

A highly respected PSV repair specialist and business owner, Vince ensures all training reflects real-world conditions, focusing on safety-critical behaviour, risk prevention, and practical compliance, not just theory.

WHY CHOOSE OAKLEYTHOMPSON?

- **IMI Accredited:** Recognised by the UK's leading automotive professional body.
- **Less Downtime:** Training can be delivered at your premises or their Durham academy to suit your operational needs.
- **Bespoke Curriculum:** "Build your own" training packages allow you to pick and choose modules relevant to your fleet.
- **Live Environment:** Practical learning on real vehicles, not just in a classroom.



NEW EMPLOYEE STARTER SCHEME

A comprehensive induction programme designed specifically for new PSV drivers entering your operation or the industry.

The course includes:

- An introduction to the industry and its different sectors
- How engineering and operations work together
- Driver walkaround checks and legal responsibilities
- Bridge strike awareness
- Drivers' hours and tachograph fundamentals
- Operational expectations and best practice
- Safe passenger onboarding and alighting (PSV)
- Safe loading and securing of loads (HGV)

N.E.S.S helps new drivers start compliant, confident, and fully aligned with your business standards, reducing early-stage risk and setting the tone for long-term professionalism.

FACE-TO-FACE

2 DAYS

£518 PER PERSON (EXC. VAT)



ONLINE & FACE-TO-FACE
3 HOURS | £80 PER PERSON (EXC. VAT)

BRIDGE STRIKE AWARENESS

Bridge strikes remain one of the most common and costly incidents in the PSV and HGV sectors. This course tackles the real reasons they happen and gives drivers the knowledge and mindset needed to prevent them.

Drivers will learn:

- How vehicle height is measured and displayed
- How to correctly read and interpret bridge signage
- The limitations of sat-nav systems and route planning tools
- How vehicle height can change due to loading, suspension, or vehicle swaps
- The legal, financial, and operational consequences of a bridge strike
- Practical decision-making strategies for unfamiliar routes, diversions, and high-pressure situations

This course directly addresses the human factors behind bridge strikes, including overconfidence, cognitive overload, fatigue, and misjudgement – helping drivers avoid incidents before they happen.

ONLINE & FACE-TO-FACE
3 HOURS | £80 PER PERSON (EXC. VAT)

DRIVERS' HOURS & TACHOGRAPH LAW

A detailed, practical deep dive into drivers' hours legislation and tachograph compliance.

Drivers will gain a clear understanding of:

- Drivers' hours rules and legal limits
- Working time and rest requirements
- Common tachograph infringements and how to avoid them
- Correct tachograph operation and manual entries
- The risks of fatigue and how poor hours management leads to accidents
- The legal and personal consequences of non-compliance

Ideal for improving compliance, reducing infringements, and supporting safer fatigue management across your fleet.



DRIVER WALKAROUND CHECKS

A critical course focused on daily vehicle safety and legal responsibility.

Drivers will learn:

The legal requirements for daily walkaround checks

- What must be checked and why it matters
- How to carry out a thorough and effective inspection
- Identifying defects before they become incidents
- Common high-risk failures, including insecure wheels and safety-critical components
- The consequences of missed or incorrect checks

This course reinforces accountability and consistency, ensuring checks are meaningful – not rushed or assumed.

ONLINE OR FACE-TO-FACE

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DEFECT REPORTING

Defect reporting is a key compliance and safety requirement — and a common audit failure when done poorly.

This course covers:

- What constitutes a defect (and what doesn't)
- How to correctly complete defect cards and records
- Nil-defect reporting and why it matters
- Legal responsibilities and record-keeping requirements
- How effective defect reporting prevents accidents, downtime, and enforcement action

Designed to improve reporting quality, accuracy, and confidence across driver teams.

BESPOKE GATE CHECKS & DRIVER AUDITS

We provide on-site gate checks at your premises to verify that policies are being followed in real life, not just on paper.

Our gate checks include:

- Observing driver walkaround checks in practice
- Auditing defect reporting systems and records
- Identifying gaps between policy and day-to-day behaviour
- Highlighting risks before they lead to incidents, fines, or prohibitions

These checks support:

- Legal compliance
- Improved safety standards
- Stronger audit trails
- Reduced financial and reputational risk

Audits aren't box-ticking exercises they're about preventing small mistakes from becoming major incidents.





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