



ESDS Pathway to Trainer Certification for Approved Driving Instructors (ADI's)



ESDS Pathway to Trainer Certification for ADI's – Level 1

Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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	Must be a registered ADI for Cat B with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Core Level 1 (or Higher) (if not previously completed) & ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category B
ESDS Level 1 Category BE	Must be a registered ADI for Cat BE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Core Level 1 (or Higher) (if not previously completed) & ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category BE
ESDS Level 1 Category W	Must be a registered ADI for Cat W with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Core Level 1 (or Higher) (if not previously completed) & ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category W



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ESDS Level 1 Category C1	Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category C1
ESDS Level 1 Category C	Must be a registered ADI for Cat C with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category C
ESDS Level 1 Category C1E	Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category C1E



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ESDS Level 1 Category CE	Must be a registered ADI for Cat CE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category CE
ESDS Level 1 Category D1	Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category D1



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ESDS Level 1 Category D	Must be a registered ADI for Cat D with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category D
ESDS Level 1 Category DE	Must be a registered ADI for Cat DE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category DE
ESDS Level 1 Category D1E	Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration	ESDS Level 1 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously completed)	None	No	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 1 for category D1E



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Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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 2 Category B	Must be a registered ADI for Cat B with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously 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	Must be a registered ADI for Cat BE with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously 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	Must be a registered ADI for Cat W with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test (if not previously completed) & ESDS Trainer Module (if not previously 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



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Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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 2 Category C1	Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously 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
ESDS Level 2 Category C	Must be a registered ADI for Cat C with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously 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 C1E	Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously 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 CE	Must be a registered ADI for Cat CE with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Truck Module* *(if not previously 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 D1	Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously 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



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ESDS Level 2 Category D	Must be a registered ADI for Cat D with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously 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	Must be a registered ADI for Cat DE with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously 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	Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category.	ESDS Level 2 Core (or Higher) Theory test* & ESDS Trainer Module* & ESDS Bus Module* *(if not previously 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



ESDS Pathway to Trainer Certification for ADI's – Level 3

Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat B with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will 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. (Must provide evidence)	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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat BE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will 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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category BE

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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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat W with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will 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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category W
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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Truck Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat C1	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C1

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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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat C with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Truck Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat C	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Truck Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat C1E	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat CE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Truck Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat CE	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Bus Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat D1	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat D with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Bus Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat D	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat DE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Bus Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat DE	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	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. Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration	Will have completed ESDS Level 3 Core Theory Test, Bus Module & ESDS Trainer Module.	Complete practical driving and lead instruction assessment at ESDS Level 2&3 (if applicable) in Cat D1E	Yes. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D1E

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ESDS Pathway to Trainer Certification for ADI's – Level 2 & 3 Combined

Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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 2 & 3 combined Category B	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat B & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat B with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	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 & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat BE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category BE & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category BE

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Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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 2 & 3 combined Category W	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat W & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat W with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category W & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category W
ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category C1	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C1 & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C1 & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C1

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ESDS Level 2 & 3 combined Category C	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat C & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat C with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	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 & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat C1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category C1E & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category C1E

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Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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 2 & 3 combined Category CE	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat CE & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat CE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	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 & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1 with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D1 & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D1

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Trainer seeking	Prior ESDS/ADI 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 2 & 3 combined Category D	Be an ESDS Certified Driver at Level 3* in Cat D & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat D with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	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 & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat DE with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	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 & must be an ESDS Level 1 Trainer in any category. Must be a registered ADI for Cat D1E with the RSA and must maintain this registration	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. (Must provide evidence)	ESDS Trainer certification in Level 2 for category D1E & ESDS Trainer certification in Level 3 for category D1E

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