

Course Title: Defensive Driving - Blacktop and Graded (Light/Heavy Buses)

Target Audience:

The course is designed for employees who are required to drive a bus (Light or Heavy) on blacktop and graded roads within the Sultanate of Oman

Aim:

To enhance drivers knowledge and skills for driving safely a bus in all conditions for the safety, care and comfort of passengers within the Sultanate of Oman

Objectives:

By the end of this session, the delegate will have an understanding of the following:

- Perform all pre-driving checks
- Drive the vehicle safely, lawfully, and correctly whilst interacting with other traffic
- Keep a safe distance on all sides of the vehicle in all traffic conditions
- Observe, recognise, and correctly respond to all potential and actual hazards, and use the correct elements of the hazard approach procedure
- Observe, recognise and correctly respond to all road features, signs, signals and markings
- Communicate correctly and appropriately with other road users
- Understand additional hazards which driving at night
- Manoeuvre safely and efficiently in a restricted space
- Describe the unique handling characteristics of a bus and the additional responsibilities involved with the carriage of passengers
- Describe the actions a bus driver should take in the event of an emergency situation
- Describe the road layouts and features where buses are most at risk of a road traffic collision
- Explain how the handling characteristics of heavy vehicles, harsh driving styles and different road conditions can affect vehicle control.
- Understand the key regulations for driving in the interior
- Recover and escape from the initial stage of the 'S' pattern rollover
- Understand the main causes of road collisions on graded roads



	 Identify, reduce and control the hazards encountered whilst driving on graded roads Have an awareness of IVMS Think and act 'defensively'. This is the key component and forms the basis of the course. Safe use of all controls is, of course, important; but this course focuses on the all-important perceptive skills i.e. the driver's thought processes, which are developed to a high level by means of encouragement, quality instruction and commentary driving by the instructor and trainees
Assessment:	Our assessment process is carried out using a range of methods: Observations, Questions, Demonstration, Simulation, however it's about our instructor feeling safe. Heavy Vehicles to be provided by client for practical training.
Prerequisites:	Have attended a Light Vehicle or Heavy Vehicle (Blacktop and Graded) course (whichever is appropriate) prior to attending Hold a valid ROP/GCC driving licence for a light/heavy vehicle
Certification:	This course is Certified by IVV (International Association for Driver Education)
Duration:	1 Day
Validity:	2 years
Venue:	OTI facilities Muscat, Safah and Mukhaizna or the client's facilities if suitable.
No of Delegates	4 participants/course

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