



MiDAS: Essential Training for Minibus Drivers



Community First offers Minibus Driver Awareness (MiDAS) training for schools, groups and organisations.

MiDAS is a nationally recognised scheme designed to enhance both driving and safety standards for drivers of minibuses. The Department of Education and Department for Transport highly recommend that all minibus drivers complete this training scheme and MiDAS is a recognised training programme for drivers to comply with Section 19 / 22 permits. The scheme is governed by the Community Transport Association (CTA) with Community First as an approved training provider.

Community First offers two MiDAS programmes:

- **Standard** - Consisting of a theory and practical assessment.
- **Accessible** - To follow 'Standard' training, specifically designed for drivers who will be transporting wheelchair users.

Drivers will be provided with access to the CTA website to complete the theory assessment prior to the practical assessment. On successful completion of both theory and practical, drivers will be able to print their individual MiDAS certificate through the CTA website. Certificates are valid for four years.

Our Instructors

Training is delivered by our highly qualified and experienced MiDAS Training Coordinators Martin Carter and Alan Russell. Martin is a retired Police Advanced driver with over 35 years' experience of driving minibuses. Martin completed the MiDAS Driver Assessor Trainers (DAT) course in 2019. Since then he has trained nearly 400 drivers. Alan is a retired Police Officer with Advanced Driving qualifications. In addition, Alan has a HGV 1 license and extensive experience of driving many different classes of vehicles and testing them. Alan is also a qualified vehicle mechanic and vehicle examiner.

"Excellent course. Great trainer!"

Training Feedback

MiDAS Pricing

Bookings:

If you would like any further information on MiDAS training, please email:
midas@communityfirst.org.uk

Standard Driver – £165 (+VAT)
Accessible Driver – £205 (+VAT)

Weekends subject to agreement.

Minimum 3 drivers per booking. Prices are per person.