

## Candidate Syllabus

The Safe Towing Scheme **Introduction to Safe Towing** course is based on the four key modules of DVSA syllabus for B+E training:

- 1. Preparing the vehicle, trailer and its contents for daily use**
- 2. Drive the vehicle, whilst towing, in accordance with The Highway Code and regulations**
- 3. Reverse the trailer, coupling and uncoupling**
- 4. Drive safely and efficiently**

The above will be delivered by a blend of online, off-road and on-road training and assessments

### Syllabus overview

#### Online Training:

- Towing Law and Regulations
- Trailer Safety Checks
- Loading and Securing
- Unhitching and Re-hitching
- Reversing
- On-road Driving
- Theory test - not pass or fail, helps to understand the level of knowledge acquired

#### Off-road training:

- Any forward manoeuvring exercise to establish turning circles, pendulum effect, space for overhangs and general induction
- Unhitching/trailer checks/hitching
- Safe loading and securing
- Reversing exercises - 45/90 degrees to the nearside and blind side, the former DVSA meandering exercise and simulated turn in the road
- Trainer led assessments

#### On-road training:

- Controls, moving and stopping
- Judgement, positioning, management of speed
- Adequate clearances, sightlines, use of speed and driving to conditions
- Dealing with junctions, roundabouts, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings
- Spatial awareness of overhangs
- Planning and awareness, lane discipline, attitude and fuel efficiency
- Trainer led Assessments