Overview

This standard is about planning the route and timings for the collection or delivery of loads.

It includes planning routes using information about the collection or delivery requirements and schedule as well as the identification of factors relating to the goods vehicle and the load that will influence route choice, such as weight and height restrictions. It also includes the need to comply with relevant legal requirements for breaks during driving duties and to identify suitable places for such breaks.

This standard is relevant to drivers of goods vehicles, those who plan delivery schedules for goods vehicles, and those who are responsible for goods vehicles within logistics organisations.
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Performance criteria
You must be able to:

1. collect all relevant information on the destination, route, schedule, driving distances, delivery times and customer requirements for the collection or delivery of loads
2. identify relevant factors, including restrictions, that may affect the vehicle and load when selecting and planning the route
3. use relevant route planning resources to reach the destination including identifying suitable main and minor roads
4. identify any potential problems with using the proposed route and plan alternative routes
5. plan the driving distances and time required to achieve the route and schedule considering any load or delivery requirements that have an impact on the driving stages
6. identify the driver break stops and locations that have the required facilities for the driver, vehicle, and load
7. comply with organisational procedures and all relevant legal, safety and operating requirements relating to the collection or delivery of loads
Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the information required to plan the route and timings for the collection or delivery of loads
2. the different types of route planning resources available and how to use them
3. the restrictions the load might place on the choice of route
4. the vehicle dimensions, height, weight, and the impact they have on planning routes
5. how to select and plan a route to meet the requirements of the vehicle used and the load being collected or delivered
6. how to identify road restrictions which might affect the proposed route
7. the different ways of planning alternative routes
8. how to obtain relevant information on the factors that can affect journey time
9. how to plan driving distances and the technology that can be used to assist with this
10. how to plan timings for the collection or delivery of loads, including restrictions on driving times
11. the facilities required when identifying driver break stops
12. the organisational procedures and all relevant legal, safety and operating requirements relating to the collection or delivery of loads
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Glossary

**Destination**: delivery point, collection point

**Legal, safety and operating requirements**: Highway Code, transport regulations, safety regulations, codes of practice, load restrictions, drivers' hours, licences/permits, Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (DCPC) requirements, Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) requirements, Fleet Operators Recognition Scheme (FORS), alcohol and drug restrictions, organisational requirements

**Load**: containers, sealed loads or trailers, palletised goods, building materials, food, temperature controlled, livestock, waste, dangerous goods, plant and machinery, vehicles, timber, aggregate, powders, granular materials, minerals, liquids, gases, food, non-food etc.

**Organisation**: the company you drive for or own business

**Route planning resources**: maps, satellite navigation devices

**Schedule**: collection time, delivery time, stops

**Vehicle**: the goods vehicle or tanker you normally drive, includes trailer when connected, and ancillary equipment
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