

MIDAS		
(Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme)		
Including accessible certificate		
Duration	Location	Maximum number of delegates:
6 hours + driving assessment (which may be on a different day)	Limehouse	8
Aims/ objectives	Enhance minibus driving standards and promote their safe operation	
Who is it for?	<p>This course is suitable for drivers working or volunteering for any not-for-profit organisation operating minibuses, ranging from small voluntary organisations operating one vehicle, to local authorities operating large fleets of minibuses, as well as schools, colleges, nursing homes and universities.</p> <p>MIDAS is a requirement to drive for THCT and other Community Transport organisations.</p> <p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at least 21 years old and under 70 • Hold a full, current, clean driving license • Have passed their car driving test two years previously 	
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced passenger safety and improved passenger comfort • Potential savings in insurance and running costs • A single recognisable certificate to ensure high standards of driving • Nationally recognised standard • Community Transport Association approved training officer • Successful candidates receive a certificate and training manual to take away. • Candidates will learn skills that are transferable to their own private driving therefore benefiting family & friends • Gaining a nationally recognised certificate (recognised by over 5000 MiDAS members) • Perhaps the most significant benefit of all is to your passengers, who will be transported in a safe and comfortable manner. 	
Preparatory work	None	

<p>What does it include</p>	<p>Classroom training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in the skills required to drive a minibus • A thorough knowledge of the legal responsibilities of a minibus driver and duty of care • Department for Transport codes of practice in safe carriage of passengers • Good practice in passenger comfort • Health and Safety at work for Drivers • Manoeuvring of vehicles • Defensive Driving techniques <p>Driving Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A demonstration drive to show the standard required • The opportunity to familiarise yourself with the vehicle • An assessment of your driving skill and competence <p>Accessible Certificate (the course can be taken without this module – please ask)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe use of ramps and tail lifts • Wheelchair and passenger restraint equipment • Department for Transport codes of practice on safe carriage of passengers in wheelchairs • Good practice on passenger assistance • Information on disability, carrying children and professional etiquette
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>Certificate valid for 4 years</p> <p>Both the theory and practical elements are assessed against a minimum score. One 're sit' opportunity will be offered. If this is failed then the candidate will be required to do additional training.</p>
<p>Cost:</p> <p>£129* + VAT</p> <p>+ extra £20 for same day driver assessment</p>	<p>Dates/ frequency:</p> <p>Courses run approximately monthly – see our web site for the next scheduled dates (or we can organise a special course for groups of six or more)</p> <p>*THCT member receive a 20% discount</p> <p>Some places are available at subsidised rate for groups below £100k. turnover</p> <p>**Subject to availability & For a maximum of 2 delegates only</p>