



# **NPTC Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Long Distance Transport of Animals by Road**

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### About the Qualifications

- This Certificate of Competence meets the requirement of the new Welfare of Animals During Transport EU Regulation. If you are responsible for transporting animals on journeys of an economic nature over 8 hours in duration you will need to hold a Certificate of Competence by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008. It is endorsed depending on the species that the candidate is assessed in. The qualification can be taken in the context of attendant or driver.

### Key Points

- It is suitable for candidates:-
  - who wish to transport animals over 8 hours
  - who wish to be identified as competent operators
  - who wish to promote a professional image

### Benefits of the Qualification

- A certificate of competence demonstrates that the successful candidate has technical knowledge and ability which has been independently and reliably assessed.

### Assessment

All candidates must be registered through an NPTC approved Assessment Centre for this qualification prior to assessment.

Unit 1 is assessed by a computer based multiple choice question test through the "Global on-line assessment" (GOLA) system. There are 27 multiple choice questions and candidates will take the test in the context of the species they transport.

Units 2 and 3 are assessed through observation of practical performance and oral questioning of underpinning knowledge by an Approved NPTC Assessor. Throughout the practical assessment a high emphasis will be placed on animal welfare, and all activities should comply with the relevant codes of practice.

### Units of Qualification

**The assessment is divided into two compulsory units and one optional unit**

**Unit 1** Long Distance Transport of Animals by Road – Principles (**Compulsory**)

**Unit 2** Long Distance Transport of Animals by Road – Practices (**Compulsory**)

**Unit 3** Drive an animal transport vehicle (**Optional**)

**Note Unit 3** – Drive an animal transport vehicle a sufficient distance (recommended minimum criteria: 3 - 4 mile journey or 10 – 15 minutes) with live animals on board sufficient to allow an assessment to be made with regard to driving skills in relation to animal welfare. The vehicle should be of the type that the candidate normally drives. The candidate must hold the relevant Department of Transport Driving Licence.

Candidates are required to complete all activities within the unit (unless specified as optional). The qualification is assessed in the context of the species being transported.

### Qualification Endorsement:

The Certificate will be endorsed with the category(ies) of animal/livestock that the candidate was assessed in transporting. Candidates must register against at least ONE of the species listed below, so that the relevant species specific assessment can be generated.

- Sheep
- Cattle
- Cattle and sheep
- Goats
- Pigs
- Poultry
- Horses
- Gamebirds

**Note** Candidates taking the assessment for horses need to be able to demonstrate knowledge of the Regulation with regard to transporting Registered **and** Unregistered Horses.

The qualification will be endorsed either as:

- a) Attendant (assessed in units 1 and 2)
- or**
- b) Driver (assessed in units 1, 2 and 3)

**Copies of the schedules detailing the assessment criteria for all of the above units can be downloaded from our website at :-**

[www.nptc.org.uk/assessment-schedules](http://www.nptc.org.uk/assessment-schedules)

### What's the next step?

In the first instance you need to contact an NPTC registered Assessment Centre which offers this qualification. To find your nearest Assessment Centre, go to NPTC's website [www.nptc.org.uk](http://www.nptc.org.uk) and follow the link to "Assessment Centres".

The Assessment Centre will be able to advise on the arrangements for the assessment of the qualification.

Training can be provided through independent training providers/instructors, local training groups or colleges for candidates who wish to undertake training.

Candidates will be assessed "competent" or not "yet competent".

When all of your assessments have been completed your local assessment centre will forward the results to NPTC so that the certificate and ID Cards can be issued, a process which normally takes about four weeks.

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