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The Law & Driving Licence Entitlements for towing a caravan

A **category B driving licence** authorises you to **drive a car, van or 4 x 4** which has gross vehicle weight (as specified by the manufacturer) of **not more than 3,500kg** and is designed and constructed to carry **no more than eight passengers** in addition to the driver.

You may **tow a trailer** with a **maximum weight** (again as specified by the manufacturer) of **not greater than 750kg**, or where the maximum weight is more than 750kg, the combined maximum weight of the towing vehicle and the trailer is less than 3,500kg.

A **category BE driving licence** allows you to **tow a trailer** where the **combined maximum weight** of the towing vehicle and trailer is **greater than 3,500kg**.

As a general rule, a category B licence does not entitle the holder to tow a horsebox or a livestock trailer because the combined maximum mass would exceed 3,500kg.

The holder of a **Category B Learner permit** may **not tow any trailer** – whatever the size.

If you're towing a caravan, it is your responsibility as the driver to ensure that both the towing vehicle and caravan are safe and mechanically sound, and legally compliant with all relevant Road Traffic legislation, i.e. tyres have adequate tread depth and are free from defects, lights and brakes are working and the hitch is in good condition. Remember, to be fully compliant, your towing vehicle must be taxed, insured and have passed its roadworthiness test – that is, the NCT or Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Test (CVRT) as appropriate.



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