

# CAT B LICENCE DEROGATION

## 4.25 TONNES GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW)



To help promote the adoption of alternative-fuelled vehicles (AFVs) the UK changed the law relating to Category B licences, increasing the permitted gross vehicle weight to 4.25-tonnes providing:

- ▶ The vehicle is powered by battery-electric, natural gas, biogas or hydrogen
- ▶ The vehicle is not driven outside of Great Britain
- ▶ That it is used for the transportation of goods
- ▶ That it is not towing a trailer
- ▶ That the driver has completed a minimum of five hours of training

Category C, C+E or C1 Licence holders are exempt from the training requirement if they hold a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC).



### TRAINING

The training includes both practical and theory sessions covering the skills, knowledge and understanding drivers need to be safe and responsible when operating an AFV.

It may only be provided by a company on the National Register of LGV instructors or the National Vocational Driving Instructors Register.



### MOT

As with any internal combustion engine vehicle over 3.5 tonnes, all 4.25-tonne AFVs fall under the goods vehicle annual testing regime.

This means the vehicles require an MOT on the first anniversary of registration and every year thereafter.



### EU DRIVERS' HOURS RULES

For 4.25-tonne AFVs, drivers are exempt from the EU drivers' hours rules when carrying goods within a 62-mile (100km) radius of their company base.



### OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Companies will be able to run AFVs up to 4.25-tonnes as part of their fleet within Great Britain, without the need for these vehicles to be on a vehicle operator licence.

For more information on ensuring your operation remains compliant, talk to Fraikin and call on our expert industry knowledge to guide you through.

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