

UK Driving Licence Requirements for Motorhomes

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If you passed your car test after 1st January 1997, you are licensed to drive up to 3500kg MAM, or 4250kg with a trailer (the trailer must not exceed 750kg).

The 3500kg rule also applies once you reach age 70, unless you apply to the DVLA to retain your 7500kg entitlement. This usually requires a medical; for more information [click here](#).

These are the various categories as defined by the DVLA:

Category B

With this category on your driving licence you can drive vehicles with a maximum authorised mass (MAM) of up to 3500 kilograms (kg), with eight passenger seats, and with a trailer no heavier than 750kg.

It's also possible to tow a trailer heavier than 750kg if the MAM of the vehicle and trailer together is no more than 3500kg. The trailer must also be lighter than the vehicle towing it.

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Category C

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Motorhome Size

The biggest motorhome you can drive in Great Britain is 12m long and 2.55m wide. There is no height limit but if the motorhome is over 3m tall the height must be on a notice visible to you as the driver.

If there is a need for you to measure the vehicle there are some parts that you don't need included in your measurements.

When measuring the length don't include the:

- * driving mirrors
- * rearward projecting buffers made of rubber or other resilient material

When measuring the width don't include the:

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- * lamps
- * reflectors
- * distortion in tyres due to loading

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