Illustrated guide to driving licence codes

Extracted from the Professional Driver's Digest

A1

Motor cycle up to 125 cc with or without sidecar (Moped, scooter etc); or
Electrically powered vehicle

A

Also authorises A1

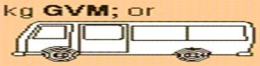
Motor cycle, tricycle or quadrucycle above 125 cc with or without sidecar

B

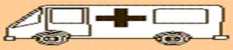
Also authorises tractor & mobile machinery

Light motor vehicle (not articulated)
Which may pull a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM

(a) goods vehicle or bus up to 3 500 kg **GVM**; or



(b) a motor car or special vehicle (eg ambulance, fire-fighting vehicle) up to 3 500 kg **tare**



There is no mass limit when driving a tractor or mobile machinery with or without a trailer

B 5 A "5" endorsement restricts authorisation to a tractor

B 7 A "7" endorsement restricts authorisation to mobile machinery

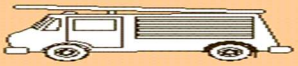
C1

Also authorises B

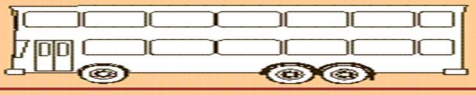
Heavy motor vehicle (not articulated) which may pull a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM

(a) goods vehicle or bus above 3 500 kg up to 16 000 kg **GVM**; or

(b) a special vehicle (eg ambulance, fire-fighting vehicle) above 3 500 kg up to 16 000 kg **tare**



C1 4 A "4" endorsement authorises the driving of buses above 16 000 kg GVM



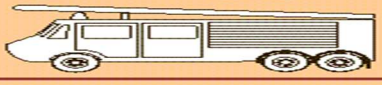
C

Also authorises B & C1

Extra heavy vehicle (not articulated) which may pull a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM

(a) goods vehicle or bus above 16 000 kg **GVM**; or

(b) special vehicle above 16 000 kg **tare**



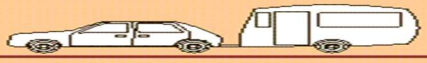
EB

Also authorises B

Combination

(a) articulated vehicle up to 3 500 kg **GCM**; or

(b) rigid vehicle up to 3 500 kg **GVM** pulling a trailer above 750 kg GVM



EC1

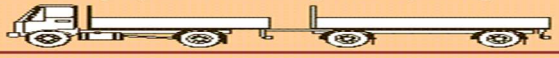
Also authorises B, C1 & EB

Combination

(a) articulated vehicle up to 16 000 kg* **GCM**; or

* This is a DoT error, yet to be corrected and should read 25 000 kg

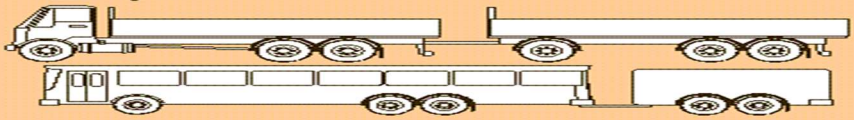
(b) rigid vehicle above 3 500 kg up to 16 000 kg **GVM** pulling a trailer above 750 kg GVM



EC

Also authorises B, C1, C, EB & EC1

Combination

(a) articulated vehicle above 16 000 kg **GCM**; or

(b) rigid vehicle above 16 000 kg **GVM** pulling a trailer above 750 kg GVM