



Cumbrian Company Passes with Flying Colours

A Carlisle-based training company has smashed the national pass rate for training drivers of Large Goods Vehicles.

System Training delivers Large Goods Vehicle training courses to some of the UK's biggest firms involved in transport, including supermarket giants such as Tesco and ASDA.

The latest figures released by the Driving Schools Booking Service have shown that System Training not only had a significantly higher pass rate than the national average, but also surpassed the pass rate for the county of Cumbria.

The nationwide pass rate for LGV licence test takers across 2008/09 is 48.39%, while the success rate for those in Cumbria is 51.36%.

System Training's records show that in August, 70% of candidates sitting tests after taking its LGV course attained the qualification.

The company, part of Logistics Academy North West, has attributed its success to its robust quality procedures, strong academic background and desire to deliver a higher standard of training than is required to simply pass the test.

Among the firm's blue-chip clients across the UK is the legendary Stobart logistics group. The famous haulage company's audio visual manager Ian Howe has praised the way System Training helped improve the service offered by Stobart.

"When I started working for Eddie Stobart I was employed to manage the company's giant mobile LED screen. I always had to get an extra driver to bring the truck to events, even ones as close as Carlisle United FC, so it was a lot more hassle and a lot more cost," he explained.

"The company decided to put me through my Class C HGV test, and I went to System Training for a week long course. It was quite an intense week and much more thorough than I imagined it might be but I passed first time with flying colours. We covered so much, especially how to make best use of the truck in terms of using the mirrors, gearbox and engine

to drive safely and efficiently.

"Now the company is in a much better position to outsource the screen and the whole procedure is much more cost effective as it just takes one person to cover everything. People will have seen it at CUFC matches, motor rallies, Carlisle Live and we have covered quite a few outdoor events and concerts this year."

System Training are now looking to roll out a specially-discounted LGV licence course in order to help other companies create similar efficiencies in terms of staff availability and equipment running costs.

System Training CEO Robin Brown said:

"In 24 years of training drivers, the basic principles of quality tuition and first class service still deliver excellent results, as shown by our figures. As an LGV licence is a significant investment for any company or individual, the cost of failure can be substantial, which means it is critical buyers obtain the best training available to ensure a first time pass."

Ends

Pass rate figures taken from: <http://www.dsbs.co.uk/driving-test-pass-rates>

Note to Editors:

The Logistics Academy North West (LANW) is based at the University of Cumbria in Carlisle and offers employers in the logistics sector access to quality-assured training to improve the efficiency of their business. It is one of nine Regional Logistics Academies being established in support of the Skills for Logistics strategy to reduce the skills gap in the logistics sector. The academy is principally a single point of contact for advice and information to the logistics sector, particularly covering the area of training and development.

Information created and supplied copyright free by The Inside Line Ltd.

Media contact: Glenn Patterson, m: 07920 548976, e: glenn@the-inside-line.co.uk

Further information on System Training and their training and workforce development solutions available from Stephanie Norman, t: 01228 574024, e: Stephanie.norman@system-training.com

www.system-training.com

