



DRIVER TRAINING ACADEMY

❖ *Training* ❖ *Testing* ❖ *Evaluation* ❖ *Certification*

(Accredited by FRSC)

PROSPECTUS

1.0: *INTRODUCTION*

In Nigeria, it is a common knowledge that many drivers obtain their licenses without receiving due professional training.

It has been observed by experts that death and disability resulting from improper control of Motor Vehicles surpass those incurred by war casualties. On the other hand, the joy and benefits made possible through efficient and wise manipulation of motor vehicles have been enormous and inestimable.

The question then arose: can we train our drivers to manipulate their vehicles more safely? Can the drivers themselves and other road users aid in improving on our poor road mishap records?

At Driver Training Academy (DTA):

- We ensure that trainees become safe and successful drivers in spite of Nigeria poor road condition. This is achieved through professional practical training.
- We create a safe driving habit amongst our trainees by giving them all necessary training.
- We also create awareness that driving is not the test of how good a vehicle is but how good the driver is.

DTA is adequately equipped with modern training facilities like: driving simulators and audio visuals. Our trainers are technically qualified, experienced and skillfully perform their assignments. The Training Syllabus conforms with the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) National curriculum for Driving Schools in Nigeria.

Motor vehicles especially, trucks, trailers, coaches and buses have contributed in uplifting our social and economic lives. These mass movers are incorporated deeply into our daily lives and have brought with them some obvious peculiar problems.

To a large extent most Nigerian drivers lack expertise. This is why everyone agree that there should be some kind of better training for Nigerian drivers, especially those who drive heavy duty vehicles. DTA has these all important training expertise to offer.

Trainees, therefore, should understand how and why traffic problems exist. Consequently, they will know the nature of the challenges they face as drivers and how best to maneuver them.

2.0: **OUR VISION**

It is our vision that DTA become everybody's best for driver training.

3.0: **OUR MISSION**

We will ensure that our trainees become safety conscious and successful drivers by impacting in them safe driving habits through professional training practices.

4.0: **OBJECTIVES**

DTA has designed her training programs to:

- ❖ Prepare trainee to become truck/trailer drivers
- ❖ Lay emphasis on good and safe driving practices
- ❖ Create awareness of the prevailing road traffic laws, rules and regulations
- ❖ Provide skills to enable drivers develop good judgment and remain satisfied drivers
- ❖ Make drivers see their driving job as very important to the socio-economic life of Nigeria
- ❖ Train drivers to avoid dangerous chances, demonstrate excellent performance, and to master their vehicles

5.0: **CATEGORIES OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

There are two categories in the training. Designed for heavy duty and light duty vehicle training. Each involves intensive practical and theoretical exercises comprising of all aspects of modern day motor vehicle driving.

5.1: **BASIC COACH/TRUCK/TRAILER DRIVING COURSE:** This is an eight (8) week program designed to meet the needs of trainee who has never driven a truck or trailer.

5.2: **REFRESHER COURSE: COACH/TRUCK/TRAILER DRIVING:** This is a two (2) week course designed to meet the needs of a trainee who has at least one year prior to tractor-trailer experience. The course will assist trainee to pass his driving test.

6.0: **PROGRAMME CONTENT:** The two programs are packaged to include the following learning elements with varying degree of emphasis for each.

6.1: **ORIENTATION:** Trainee is introduced to our Driver Training Academy and is told about our scheduling, grading, what is expected of the trainee, etc.

6.2: **Preparation for Written Examination:** This element gets the trainees ready to pass the written examinations which include general knowledge, air brakes, endorsement of hazardous materials, combination of vehicles, trailers and tankers.

6.3: **Introduction to Trucking:** The Trucking industry, its rules and regulations.

6.4: **Highway Codes:**

- 6.5: **Log Books:** The trainees learn how to use log book. Keep records of waybill, etc.
- 6.6: **Coupling and Uncoupling:** How to couple and uncouple a tractor with a trailer; including controls and hazards involved.
- 6.7: **Vehicle System:** Relationship of many parts/components to one another. Particular attention is given to brakes and electrical systems and safety of the vehicles.
- 6.8: **Vehicle Maintenance:** Trouble shooting of mechanical and electrical problems, routine/preventive maintenance is also stressed.
- 6.9: **Vehicle Inspection:** Pre-trip inspection regulation as outlined by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and Vehicle Inspection Officer (VIO).
- 6.10: **Vehicle Basic Control:** Putting vehicle in motion and stopping. Reverse (backing) in a straight line and turning vehicle safely.
- 6.11: **Gearing (Shifting):** Basic gear shifting patterns and methods of shifting.
- 6.12: **Reversing (backing):** Principles and rules of reversing. Safe basic reversing (backing) maneuvers are explained.
- 6.13: **Visual Search:** Visual safe guards and use of mirrors.
- 6.14: **Space Management:** Safe driving space and following distance; control of space and the dangers of overhead obstructions as well as safe space management.
- 6.15: **Speed Management:** Speed and stopping distance, fuel economy and safe speed.

7.0: **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

7.1: **Admission is open to:**

- i. Male and female, eighteen (18) years or older who has the ability to read and write
- ii. A valid National Drivers' License
- iii. Physically and mentally fit
- iv. One able to demonstrate practical evidence of driving ability

7.2: **PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION**

- Simple written and oral test for all applicants to ascertain English Language literacy level.
- Practical driving demonstration with a car or minibus
- All applicants are required to complete an enrolment form.

7.3: **Training Facilities:** The training facilities in the Academy include the following:

- ✓ Division simulator
- ✓ Classrooms for theoretical lessons
- ✓ Vehicles: coach, truck and trailer

- ✓ Chalk boards
- ✓ Audio visuals
- ✓ Road signs and symbols (models)

- ✓ First aid equipments
- ✓ Training/Testing arena
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Vehicle maintenance workshop

8.0: **FACULTY**

The academy has a team of technically qualified, experienced and skilful instructors.

The team is headed by a professional Industrial Trainer and an accredited management trainer. It also has in the staff team, highly rated former long distant truck/trailer/coach driver.

9.0: **TESTING/EVALUATION**

The level of performance of trainees is continuously assessed throughout the duration of training. On completion of training there is an end of program test and evaluation to certify successful candidates. This is conducted for trainees on both practical and theory.

10.0: **REGISTRATION/COURSE FEE**

- Eight (8) weeks course
- Four (4) weeks course
- Two (2) weeks course
- Registration
- Course Fee is available on demand

11.0: **SPONSORSHIP/ACCOMMODATION**

Candidates may be sponsored individually or by corporate bodies. The course is non-residential. Trainees are to make their own accommodation arrangements.

12.0: **REGISTERED CANDIDATES**

Candidates are to pay and obtain their learners' permit before the commencement of training. On successful completion of training, trainees will pay for their driving license and will be assisted to obtain one.

13.0: **AWARD**

Candidates who are successful in the training will be awarded the DTA Certificates indicating length of the program attended.

14.0: **ACCREDITATION/APPROVAL**

DTA is accredited by the Federal Road Safety (FRSC) and approved by the Industrial Training Fund (I.T.F). DTA works in association with other stakeholders and related institutions.

15.0: **TRAINEE INFORMATION**

15.1: **Dress Requirements:** Trainees must dress with safety in mind, simple white shirt and black trousers are recommended. Loose clothing

or long hair that could be caught in doors and equipment will not be tolerated. Shoes only, must be worn during training sessions. Sandals or flip-flaps are not allowed.

- 15.2: **Text Books and Supplies:** Text books, printed materials and supplies are part of tuition. They are however to be returned immediately training is completed. Trainees are expected to purchase his/her personal highway code.
- 15.3: **Trainee Complaint Procedure:** Complaint procedure is explained during days of orientation. Complaints may be directed to Instructors; Head, Training & Development/Coordinator or Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer.
- 15.4: **Code of Conduct:** Trainees are expected to be on time for all classes. Starting time is 8.00 am daily except on Saturdays and Sundays. When in the classroom and or on the training range or on the highway, trainees must follow instructor's instructions. The use of cell phones will not be allowed. Arguing with the instructor or quarrel with fellow trainee or use of abusive language will not be tolerated. Use of hard drugs, smoking and alcohol are not allowed. Trainee must treat the academy equipments and properties with care. Defaulters of these rules will be dismissed.
- 15.5: **Attendance/Leave of Absence:** Trainee attendance register is kept. Attendance below 80% will not be tolerated and will lead to dismissal.
- 15.6: **Lateness:** Coming late to classroom or truck training more than three times will lead to termination from the program.
- 15.7: **Grading System:** Trainees are graded on his/her classroom/workshop attachment and their driving ability.

These activities are graded as follows:

- A. 90% - 100% = Excellent
- B. 60% - 89% = Good - above average
- C. 50% - 59% = Pass - average
- D. 0% - 49% = Fail - unsatisfactory performance (remedial training may be required)

- 15.8: **Remedial Training:** An unsatisfactory grade of D may result in remedial training. This may involve a one full day of five (5 hours) of training with truck. There will be no extra charge for the extra tutorial or truck training.
- 15.9: **Classroom Workshop:** Trainee is tested throughout the course work in the classroom. These tests are graded and placed on individual transcript. The grades are evaluated weekly.
- 15.10: **Road Work:** A driving progress report is made up on each trainee. A critique of each driving session is noted in this progress report. The driving instructor evaluates each trainee for every driving session and these reports are evaluated weekly by the Head of Training & Development.

15.11: **Requirement for Graduation:** A trainee must have a minimum grade average of 70% at the end of the course with an attendance rate of 80%.

16.0: **EMPLOYMENT**

After the training, interested successful candidates who are unemployed may be recommended for employment to corporate organizations or ABC Transport Plc.

17.0: **METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Interested and qualified candidates can obtain application form from:

The Manager
Driver Training Academy (DTA)
Umuori, Uratta
After NNPC Filling Station
Toronto).

OR

From the Business Office Manager at any ABC Transport terminals: Aba, Abuja, Amuwo-Odofin, Awka, Benin, Calabar, Enugu, Gwagwalada, Jibowu, Jos, Kaduna, Kano, Lokoja, Onitsha, Owerri, Port Harcourt, Umuahia, Ahiara Junction, Mbaise.

OR

Apply online on www.dtanigeria.com