

Motor Insurance



Getting it right

Comprehensive driving school cover tailored to suit the Instructor's individual needs can be quite confusing, so we hope our brief guide will give you a better understanding of the cover you need and also banish a few of those myths associated with Driving School Insurance.

Why do I need a specialist driving tuition policy?

As a driving instructor you will be collecting money for giving lessons whilst carrying your client in the vehicle. This is known as hire and reward for driving tuition and a standard private car insurance will not provide this type of cover.

Why do I get so many documents with my policy?

Insurance is complicated and there are many cover sections and many exclusions that need to be conveyed to you, so insurers provide you with three documents.

1. **Your Certificate** – This is a legal document and will show only statutory information required by law
2. **Your Schedule** – This will show any specific endorsements and any exclusions that relate specifically to you
3. **Your Policy Wording** – This shows the general cover that relates to everyone with the same policy.

You must read all the documents together and if you are in any doubt you should speak to your broker.

I have “Any Driver” so anyone can drive my car, right?

As with all things you need to read the small print. Your insurance will automatically cover you, your pupils and any driving examiner for tests. However, most driving tuition policies require you to name anyone other than pupils and examiners who have had accidents, claims or motoring convictions within the past 5 years or anyone, other than pupils and examiners, who has been refused insurance or has any criminal convictions. **In addition, most policies exclude drivers (other than pupils) under the age of 25 from using your vehicle.**

Can other instructors use my car?

Again, no two policies are the same. Some allow other instructors who are employed by you to driver your vehicle and some specifically exclude PDI's from driving. You should check with your broker.

Can I drive other cars?

If you are over 25 and your only occupation is as a driving instructor, then your policy will **most likely** allow you to drive other cars that do not belong to you, providing the vehicle is insured by another person. The cover is meant for emergency use and provides the minimum cover required by law and therefore any damage to the car you are driving is not covered.

Protecting your No Claims Bonus

If you have four or more years NCD, you can also protect it. NCD protection allows you to have two fault claims in any three-year period without losing your NCD. There is an additional premium payable for this cover.

No claim bonus protection does not protect the overall price of your insurance policy. *The price of your insurance policy may increase following an accident even if you were not at fault.*

The impact of claims on NCD

For each fault claim you make your bonus may reduce as shown in the table below:

Years NCD	NCD following 1 fault claim*	NCD following 2 fault claims*
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	1	0
4	2	0
5	3	1
6 or more	4	2

*within the same policy period

Changing Insurer - What happens to my NCD?

Your new insurer will normally let you carry over your NCD provided you are not using it on another vehicle and have not had any periods of time when you have not been insured (known in the industry as Gap in Cover).

We hope that the above has answered a lot of common questions surrounding driving school insurance

Without the right type of cover, you might not be able to teach and earn an income, and, as we have mentioned, no two insurance policies are the same, so overleaf are a few questions you might want to ask your insurance broker.

Some Q&As about driving school motor insurance.

- Q Does my policy provide me with a replacement dual controlled car in the event of any motor claim?
- A **As a driving instructor you should make sure that your policy provides you with a replacement dual controlled car, which may come as an addition and an extra cost to your policy, for an unlimited period if yours is undriveable to ensure you can carry on teaching**
- Q Does my policy provide cover for recovery of uninsured losses, such as policy excess and loss of earnings?
- A **If you are involved in an accident, you may not be able to work and may need to claim for loss of earnings when filing your claim**
- Q Does my policy cover all pupils who have had accidents, motoring convictions and criminal convictions?
- A **You should check that your policy allows you to teach anyone who has a licence, some insurers may require to be informed of unusual cases, always ask when getting a quote**
- Q Does my policy cover pupils who have previously been banned, speed awareness courses and driver improvement schemes?
- A **You should check that your policy allows you to teach anyone who has a licence, some insurers may require to be informed of unusual cases, always ask when getting a quote**
- Q Does my policy allow other instructors not employed by me to give mock tests in my vehicle?
- A **If you allow other instructors to do this you need to ensure that your policy provides cover for this, you may need to name them with your insurer**
- Q Does my policy allow me to train PDIs?
- A **If you provide training to PDIs then you need to make sure your policy provides cover for this, most do**
- Q Can other instructors employed by me use my vehicle for tuition purposes?
- A **Some policies state that only named instructors can use your vehicle, so check with your broker**

Q Does my policy allow fleet and trailer training?

A **Some policies exclude this, so you should check with your broker when asking for a quote if you carry out this type of training**