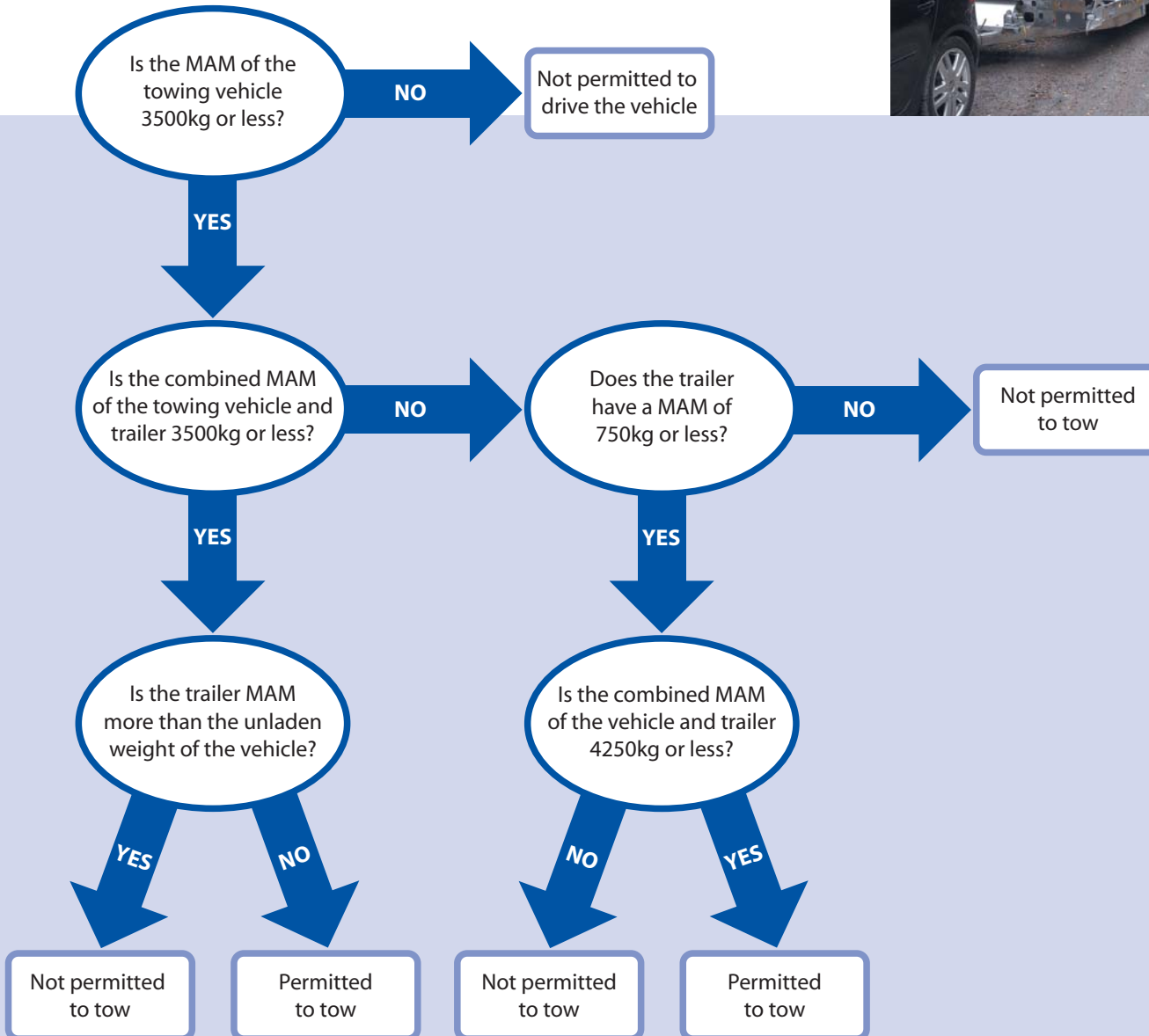


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An explanation of towing restrictions and towing options for drivers that have passed their test since 1st January 1997.

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**Vehicle MAM** = The combined vehicle kerb weight (unladen weight) and load capacity.

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## Towing restrictions for licence holders passed since January 1st 1997

The information given in this leaflet is for guidance only and should be read in conjunction with relevant DVLA advice. Visit: [www.dvla.gov.uk](http://www.dvla.gov.uk) for further information.

### WHO DOES THE LAW EFFECT?

Drivers who have passed their test since 1st January 1997 will only have category B and not have category B+E on their licence. Without this category you will be restricted in the type of trailer you can tow. Category B+E allows you to tow trailers up to 3500kg provided that you don't exceed the towing vehicles towing limit (train weight)\*.

Drivers with only category B on their licence can provisionally tow trailers up to 3500kg if accompanied by a driver who already holds category B+E.

### WHAT IS MAXIMUM AUTHORISED MASS (MAM)?

This is also known as Maximum Gross Weight (MGW) or Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). With trailers, the MAM represents the maximum combined unladen weight of the trailer and the permitted load it can carry. For example, if your trailer's MAM is 3500kg and the trailer weighs 1000kg, then the maximum load permitted to be carried by the trailer is 2500kg. The maximum gross weight of the trailer should be displayed on the type plate.

The MAM of a vehicle refers to the combined vehicle kerb weight (unladen weight) and load capacity.

\*Always refer to your vehicle handbook for its MAM and towing capacities before using it to tow a trailer.

## Two rules to follow for drivers without category B+E on their licence

- The MAM of the trailer must not exceed the unladen weight of the towing vehicle, and the combined MAM of the trailer and vehicle must not exceed 3500kg if the MAM of the trailer is more than 750kg.
- If the MAM of the trailer is 750kg or less, the combined MAM of the trailer and towing vehicle must not exceed 4250kg and the MAM of the towing vehicle should not exceed 3500kg.

### EXAMPLES:

A vehicle with an unladen weight of 1250kg and a MAM of 2000kg, towing a trailer with a MAM of 1000kg could be driven by a category B licence holder. This is because the combined MAM of the vehicle and trailer does not exceed 3500kg and the MAM of the trailer does not exceed the unladen weight of the vehicle.

### HOWEVER;

The same vehicle towing a trailer with a MAM of 1400kg could not be driven by a category B licence holder because although the combined MAM does not exceed 3500kg, the MAM of the trailer exceeds the unladen weight of the vehicle.



## FAQ's

**Q I do not hold category B+E on my licence, what trailers am I permitted to tow?**

**A** This depends entirely on your towing vehicle, read the examples below for further guidance.

**Q I drive a Land Rover Discovery\*\*, with a MAM of 2720kg. What trailer can I tow?**

**A** You may only tow a trailer with a MAM of 780kg. This restricts you to trailers in our current unbraked range such as the P5, P6e, P7e or BV64e.

**Q The model of Land Rover Freelander\*\* I drive has a MAM of 2080kg. What trailers can I tow?**

**A** You may tow trailers with a MAM of 1420kg. This includes any of our unbraked trailers, eight of our Eurolight range trailers, three from our general duty range, any of our single axle box vans, all of our P6 and P8 Livestock models and our single axle car transporters.

**Q Where can I sit my B+E test, how long will it take and how much will it be?**

**A** There are test centres situated across the UK, for further details on test centres, visit: [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk). Different training centres will offer various courses from hourly lessons to intensive 3 day training courses inclusive of test fees. Course costs will vary from centre to centre. Towing test fees start from £115 plus training and tuition costs.

\*\*MAM's will vary according to model specification; please refer to your manufacturer's handbook.



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