

# Your road to success

## How's your driving instructor? Here's Driving Works' tips for choosing a tutor

Driving instructors are like breakfast cereals: most claim to give you a great start, but they're not all good for you! According to the Driving Standards Agency (DSA), learning to drive takes the average motorist 45 hours of professional tuition. And with most lessons costing upwards of £20 per hour, you need to be sure you're on the road to success.



So how do you choose the right driving instructor? How can you ensure the person you're entrusting with your time, money and future in motoring has what it takes to get you through your test?

Browse the worldwide internet or flick through a terrific local mag like *Keep It Lincoln*, and you'll be shocked by the sheer numbers of driving

schools offering their services. And it's not easy to pick the right one.

Most importantly, look for a fully-qualified approved driving instructor (ADI). This will guarantee the teacher has undergone rigorous training and takes regular ADI tests for high-quality tuition. It also ensures your lessons are provided by someone who's passed a CRB (criminal records bureau) check.

The best way is to ask friends and family for recommendations – find a good instructor and you'll be smitten for life. Lincoln-based driving instructor Martin Wake of Driving Works offers invaluable advice for choosing your tutor. "It's essential to be comfortable with your instructor," he reckons. "You learn best when you're having a good time. Driving Works gets involved in pupils' learning processes to increase their driving confidence.

"I like to think of myself as a people person. I'm easy-going, patient and approachable. But with positive reinforcement I push learners just enough to get the best from their driving."

Martin – a DSA ADI instructor with 19 years' experience behind the wheel – offers excellent value driving lessons in Lincoln and Newark. He suggests asking your driving school for details of their recent pass rates, which are a perfect pointer towards their teaching ability.

It's also essential to ensure you can take lessons to suit your own timetable. It's wise not to get too entangled with bargain prices and special offers – all you need is an instructor you can trust to give you great driving skills for life.

*"I really enjoyed learning with Driving Works – Martin is a great teacher and very patient. I was able to learn at my own pace, and it was good to have a friendly and relaxed instructor. I never thought I'd pass first time!"* **Emma Troop**



**Driving Works offers lessons and courses during weekdays, evenings and weekends. For more details, call 01522 720745 or 07813 043897 or visit [www.drivingworks.co.uk](http://www.drivingworks.co.uk).**

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