

MiDAS – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. What is MiDAS?

A. MiDAS is the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme and is administered by the Community Transport Association. The scheme provides a nationally recognised standard for the assessment and training of minibus drivers and has been designed to enhance minibus driving standards and promote the safer operation of minibuses.

Q. How much does MiDAS training cost?

A. Perth & Kinross Council charges £70 for Standard MiDAS and £140 for Accessible MiDAS per person. Other training providers may charge different rates will provide you with their current prices and group discount availability.

Q. What does the course involve?

A. The MiDAS course is there to enhance your driving abilities and the training organisation is there to help you do that. The course includes basic defensive driving and legal aspects of driving a minibus. If you undertake the accessible vehicle course then safe use of wheelchair accessible minibuses is included.

Q. How long does the certificate last?

A. 4 Years, then refresher MiDAS training must be carried out.

Q. Where can MiDAS training be undertaken

A. Training is available locally from:

Perth & Kinross Council

Brian Martin
Minibus Coordinator
2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH
Email: bmartin@pkc.gov.uk Tel: 01738 477374

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Perth and Kinross Association

Kincarrathie House Drive, Perth, PH2 7HX
Email: office@pkdofe.com Tel: 01738 627455

Blairgowrie and District Next Steps

Nick & Sue Cole
Balmacron Farmhouse, Meigle, Perthshire, PH12 8TD
Email: nick@nscdesign.com Tel: 01828 640763

Q. How long does the training take?

A. MiDAS comprises both theory and practical training. The theory training is approximately 4 hours (Standard) or 8 hours (Accessible) undertaken in a one day session. The practical driving assessment takes around 1.5 hours. For further information on timescales for training contact your chosen provider.

Q. Is it possible to fail the training?

A. MiDAS aims to enhance your driving abilities and the training organisation is there to help you with that, however, if you have difficulty with the training then you should discuss the situation and the options for further training with the trainer and with your line manager/organisation.