

Triple A Driving School printable info sheet:

AREA KNOWLEDGE COURSE

Triple "A" Driver Training Centre has been associated with the taxi Industry for the past 18 years. At Triple "A", we combine our expertise and skills to assist potential taxi drivers through the steps, necessary to obtain the licensing qualifications. We endorse the high standard of service that the Taxi Federation provides to its clients. We understand the requirements and strive to achieve the same levels of excellence at our Driver Training Centre. Our Driver Training Centre is supportive and friendly and we welcome all enquires.

We look forward to helping you achieve your new goal of becoming a Taxi driver in the Wellington Metro area.

WHAT IS AN AREA KNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE?

A certificate which shows that you have acquired a general knowledge of the area that your taxi organisation operates in. It also shows that you have demonstrated an ability to communicate in the English language.

WHO NEEDS TO HOLD IT?

All taxi drivers! It is **illegal** to drive a taxi without an Area knowledge certificate for the area required by the Taxi company they are driving for.

HOW DO I GET AN AREA KNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE?

Triple 'A' Driver Training Centre is an **approved testing agency** and will help you through this process. The fastest and simplest way to obtain your certificate is to attend a Triple 'A' Area Knowledge Course.

HOW LONG DOES THE COURSE TAKE?

In Wellington there are 4 city areas in the 1 metropolitan test: Wellington, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt & Porirua.

The course is held over **four weeks**, from 9.30am-1.30pm Monday to Wednesday and includes:

- A **four Week** Area knowledge course
- Area Knowledge Road Trips
- Area Knowledge Test

There are practical drive sessions to explore the areas & homework will be required to attain the necessary level of knowledge. Please contact the us for up coming courses dates. To be issued a certificate, you will need to complete the *Wellington Metropolitan Test*.

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE ASSESSMENT?

Triple 'A' Driver Training Centre will supply you with all the resource material and application forms you will need.

HOW IS THE AREA KNOWLEDGE TEST CONSTRUCTED?

Wellington Metropolitan area knowledge is a Written and Oral **closed book** test and consists of 8 objectives which are:

- Objective 1** Communicate in English
- Objective 2** Select most Advantageous Routes
- Objective 3** Locations, Major buildings and Land Marks
- Objective 4** Main arterial roads
- Objective 5** Understanding a road map
- Objective 6** Geographical Knowledge
- Objective 7** Navigation skills
- Objective 8** Taxi ranks

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost of the **4 week course** is **\$1350.00 (incl. GST)**

This includes your final assessments and 1x Free re-sit.

Additional re-sits are:

\$45.00 per objective (1-8)

or \$75.00 (objective 2)

IF I CAN'T DO THE COURSE, WHAT CAN I DO?

If you are unable to attend the course there is a distant learning study pack available for **\$445.00**

You will need to study thoroughly in your own time and advise the school when you feel you are ready to sit the test.

It is suggested that you **start** studying from **objective 8** & work backwards to objective 1. This will build up a greater bank of street names which will be hugely helpful for objective 2.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE AREA KNOWLEDGE COURSE YOU MUST :

- Provide a **current** New Zealand Driver's Licence or **current** Passport as proof of identity
- Be a New Zealand Citizen, Resident or have a current work permit.
- Be able to communicate in **clear** spoken & written English.

For more information, up coming course dates or to make a booking please phone us on 04 478 9876 or 021 478 103



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