



RTITB Newsletter

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VAT Increase

On January 1st VAT returns to 17.5% so you have **just** 1 month left to purchase RTITB publications before the increase.

Act now! click [here](#) to order publications from the RTITB website!

If you are interested in booking a course at the RTITB Academy then do so before the 31st of December to take advantage of the VAT before the change. To view the list of courses available please click [here](#).

It pays to save!

Spotlight Feature



Road Safety Week 2009 - Not a Drop, Not a Drag

National Road Safety Week 2009 highlighted the dangers of drink and drug-driving, with the slogan; 'Not a drop; not a drag'.

One in six deaths on UK roads is caused by drink-drivers and a similar number is thought to be caused by drug drivers.

Everyone is being challenged not to tolerate anyone's drink or drug driving. Drivers have been asked to commit not to get behind the wheel if they've had a drop of alcohol or even a drag on a joint – or any other impairing drugs. Passengers are asked never to submit to pressure to get in a car with a driver on drink and drugs, and communities are being called upon to shop and stop drink and drug drivers to the police or Crimestoppers before they kill or maim.

It is a scandal that some people still drink and drive, both after drinking and also the morning after drinking, and the deaths continue. It is equally scandalous that some drivers drive after taking illegal drugs. Illegal drugs can stay in your system for weeks or even months - it just isn't possible to drive and have illegal drugs in your life at the same time.

Road safety charity Brake highlights the need for policy makers to take action to eradicate drink-driving and stop the unchecked rise of drug driving. Key actions include lowering of the drink-drive limit to bring the UK in line with the rest of the EU and stepping up enforcement with more road side tests, so drink and drug drivers can't get away with it.

For further information about Road Safety Week visit www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk

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New Contacts for RTITB

Here is a list of updated contacts and telephone numbers

Accreditation including NORS - Lee McNally
Accreditation Senior Administrator - 01952 520209

RTITB Academy - Jackie Dainty Acadmey Senior

We are looking for accredited organisations and consortium members interested in advertising for free in our RTITB Accreditation and Master Driver for CPC spotlight features.

If you are interested in appearing in this feature please [email](#) us.

Coming to a Motorway Service Station Near You

The Master Driver CPC consortium will be advertised in service station washrooms nationwide from the 21st December 2009 to 31st January 2010. It will invite drivers to text in and find their closest consortium member.

Next time you visit a service station keep an eye out for the Consortium

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Administrator - 01952 520214

**Master Driver CPC including MDRS - Sarah O'Neill
Driver CPC and MDRS Senior Administrator - 01952 520211**

**Marketing and Publications - Tom Hughes Marketing
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RTITB Accreditation Spotlight



Achieve Through Learning (atl) Ltd is a private limited company that was established in June 2005. Since its inception we have gone from strength to strength and are now perceived by our customers to be the number one choice for Fork Lift Truck training. We currently employ 20 full time staff and 12 associates.

The company operates from our Head Office in Rotherham South Yorkshire and specialises in the delivery of NVQ programmes and RTITB accredited Lift Truck training. Over the last 4 years atl has expanded its delivery capability and capacity by employing sector specialist trainers and assessors and investing in their own development. Training is vital to the success of our company and this ethos has helped us when talking to organisations about their own training needs.

From our humble beginning in Rotherham we now deliver Lift Truck training to various sized organisations in many different sectors throughout the Country and this year alone we have trained and developed over 2000 Lift Truck operators.

Our training is delivered entirely on Company premises using the Lift truck of their choice and type and the training is delivered at a time suitable to the needs of both the company and its employees.

Our Instructors are accredited through RTITB to deliver training on the following Lift Truck types: Counterbalance, Reach, Side-Loader, Industrial tele-truck, Man up/Man down Narrow Aisle trucks, Rough Terrain and pedestrian pallet trucks.

Atl is accredited through Emta Awards Ltd (EAL) to deliver National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ's) in Plant Operations and Warehousing at Level 2

For further information on our courses please contact us via e-mail: enquiries@atl-training.co.uk or via telephone on 01709 365515

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Compliance Specialists

**Tachograph
Analysis
Consultants
Limited**

Master Driver for CPC Spotlight

Stick To What you Know And
Expanded Your
Portfolio Of Training At The Same
Time?

Impossible!

Tachograph Analysis Consultants Limited (TAC) has been delivering specialist training in the areas of Drivers' Hours, Compliance and tachographs for over 20 years.

Over that time, with a background of working with tachograph manufacturers, The Department Of Transport and the Enforcement authorities, their specialist multi-media training materials have been refined and added to. This enables TAC to deliver probably the most comprehensive training in these areas in the UK.

Whilst experience and specialism are great for the customer, they are very limiting, as training is rarely required in just one area.

The Masterdriver Consortium solves this problem.

TAC could not, and indeed would not, deliver training outside its own specialisms. The Masterdriver Consortium, however, brings together a number of appropriately experienced specialists. TAC can now use these experienced specialists to offer a wider portfolio of training to its own customers, safe in the knowledge training will be of the highest standard.

This strengthens TAC's offering to its customers and keeps specialist training to the specialists.

Good for training delivery, good for the trainers, and, most importantly, good for the customer.

So, is it "impossible" to "Stick To What you Know And Expanded Your Portfolio Of Training At The Same Time?"

Through the Masterdriver Consortium, TAC has done just that and now offers training Nationwide in a variety of specialisms - and so can everyone else!

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Events Next Year



As 2009 draws to a close we look forward to the exciting events 2010 has in store.

Introduction to the RTITB Academy - 8th January, 5th

February, 5th March

"Becoming RTITB Accredited" briefing - 14th January, 17th March

Master Driver CPC Administration briefing - 20th January, 10th March

Joining the Consortium briefing - 3rd February

The RTITB Sumo Glove Operator of the Year 2010 competition Finals - Autumn 2010 (dates to be confirmed)

The IMHX exhibition - 16th - 19th November

If you would like any further information including how to book please call 01952 520203 or [email](#) us

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RS Industrial Open Day

RTITB willingly accepted an invitation to support the open day at RS Industrial Services facilities in Billingham which was mentioned in the previous newsletter.

Over 50 suppliers and in excess of 200 local organisations attended this well organised day.

In addition to the sales and equipment hire on show, the Training Centre enthusiastically managed by Kevin Keogh was shown a lot of interest. The centre provides over 5000 square foot of classrooms and a practical operating area with access to an outside training facility.

New and existing customers were keen to learn of the centres newly acquired RTITB Accredited – Instructor Training Centre status. Special discounted prices on a variety of courses, accompanied with gentle persuasion from Kevin were, eagerly snapped up on the day.

Congratulations, to the whole team at RS Industrial Services for their professionalism, enthusiasm and hospitality throughout a very successful day

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Wincanton Driver of the Year Competition

RTITB recently attended the Wincanton Driver of the Year Competition in conjunction with the Royal Logistics Corp. Held at RAF Hullavington in Wiltshire on 14th September 2009, the event was staged to determine who would come out on top in a range of taxing but fun exercises. As expected the event, ran with military precision, ensured that competitors from Wincanton and the MOD were put through their paces on a range of tests that included Lift Truck operator exercises, articulated lorry reversing and even Land Rover and trailer reversing, sounds easy, not when you are blindfolded!. RTITB Standards Manager, Simon Docherty was there to represent the 650 plus RTITB Accredited Training Providers and answer any questions. He said of the day "It was great to see the commercial sector pit their wits against the militaries finest and more than compete on the day. It was clear for everyone to see the benefits of providing high quality, effective training to any organisations key asset, its employees. Everyone I spoke with really enjoyed the day and complimented the Logistics Corp on its organisation of the event"

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Jump for Charity

In the last newsletter we informed you that RTITB's Standards Manager Simon Docherty was doing a parachute jump for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust, Simon completed the jump on September 12th and would like to thank everyone who sponsored him and helped raise a fantastic £1500.

Well done Simon

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Merry Christmas

RTITB would like to wish all of our customers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This year RTITB have again made a donation to Brake, the road safety charity, instead of sending Christmas cards. For information about Brake and the important work they do please visit www.brake.org.uk.

Our Opening Times over the festive period will be as follows:-

Monday 21st December - 9am - 5pm

Tuesday 22nd December - 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 23rd December - 9am - 5pm

Thursday 24th December - 9am - 12.30pm

Friday 25th December - Friday 1st January 2010 - CLOSED

Monday 4th January - 9am - 5pm

We will continue to post NORS ID cards and certificates up to and including Wednesday 23rd December, if you would prefer us not to post out your ID cards and certificates until after the festive season please contact the NORS team on 01952 520209 or [email](#) us

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The Master Driver consortium has now completed a commendable 10,000+ hours of periodic training

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