Driving and towing limitations for drivers who first obtained their driving licence on or after 1st January 1997 - Category B

Does the towing vehicle have more than 8 passenger seats (not including the driver)?

- **No**
  - Is the trailer’s MAM under 750 Kg?
    - **Yes**
      - Is the towing vehicle’s MAM under 3500 Kg?
        - **Yes**
          - Is the trailer less than 7 metres long (Road Vehicle Regulations 1986)?
            - **Yes**
              - OK TO TOW
            - **No**
              - NOT ALLOWED TO TOW
        - **No**
          - NOT ALLOWED TO TOW
    - **No**
      - NOT ALLOWED TO TOW
  - **Yes**
    - NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE VEHICLE OR TOW
- **Yes**

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      - NOT ALLOWED TO TOW
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  - NOT ALLOWED TO TOW

Is the combined MAMs of the towing vehicle and the trailer less than 3500 KG?

- **Yes**
  - Are the MAM of the trailer less than the unladen weight of the towing vehicle?
    - **Yes**
      - NOT ALLOWED TO TOW
    - **No**
      - OK TO TOW
- **No**
  - NOT ALLOWED TO TOW

MAM – Maximum Authorised Mass

**(Maximum Gross Weight)**

This is the total weight allowed for the trailer or tow vehicle plus its load. All trailers must be platted to state their MAM (1982 Regulations). Details of the towing vehicle’s MAM can be obtained from the vehicle handbook.

**UNLADEN WEIGHT**

This is the weight of the towing vehicle (or trailer) less removable optional equipment and load. Details can be found in the vehicles handbook along with its towing capacity and tow hitch loading.

**TRAILER LENGTH**

This is a grey area but a common sense approach would be to measure from the load bearing point on the ‘A’ frame (including attached boxes etc) to the rear lighting unit on the extended draw bar.