

Kent Driver Education Courses - Terms & Conditions

Kent County Council (KCC) delivers a range of driver education courses under the National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme, in partnership with Kent Police.

Course aim

The courses are offered by the Police to motorists who have committed an offence as an alternative to points and fines. The aim is to improve the driver's or rider's knowledge and behaviour while on the road.

Booking a course

Courses get booked up quickly so make sure you book and pay for a course as soon as possible to secure your digital online space for the date and time convenient to you.

A confirmation email will be sent to you before your course date. Please check the course details carefully. If you booked yourself on-line and need to change your booking, you can do so up to 7 days before the date of the original course date free of charge but is still based on availability of course spaces. There is a lost course space fee for all other re-bookings.

If you wish to rebook your course yourself and originally made the booking online, you may do this between 6 and 3 days prior to your course date and you will incur a lost course place fee.

If Kent County Council made your original booking or if you need to change your booking 2 days before your course date, you will need to call us on 03000 411554 or email KDE@kent.gov.uk You will incur a lost course place fee if changing your course. This charge would only be waived in exceptional circumstances and on receipt of documentary evidence. This must cover the day of the course.

Examples include:

- Receipt of a doctor's certificate (self-certificate will not be accepted)
Notification of hospital appointment (copy of hospital letter)
- Jury service (copy of official letter)
- Court appearance (copy of official letter)
- Bereavement (copy of death certificate)
- Network provider evidence of internet loss

Reasonable adjustments

Please let us know at the time of your booking if you have any accessibility, interpreter, religious or breast-feeding requirements.

If you require an Interpreter to attend the Course with you, you must contact the office prior to the course date to make suitable arrangements.

Please email KDE@kent.gov.uk confirming the name of your interpreter. They must be at least 16 years old.

We will require a minimum of 28 days' notice for any bookings that require the use of the Kent Deaf Interpreter Services due to the bookings process.

If you do not make us aware of any additional requirements before your course date, we may be unable to provide reasonable adjustments request on the day. This would also result in not be able to attend the course. Please email KDE@kent.gov.uk and we will contact you in due course to discuss any reasonable adjustments that allow you to attend and complete your course.

Valid Photocard ID

- You will need to show your Photocard Driving Licence for validation of your attendance which will be checked against the register.
- If you do not have a photo-card driving licence, the old-style paper driving licence may be produced with another form of photographic identification. See the <https://www.ndors.org.uk/> FAQ's for more information.
- Failure to produce photographic ID will result in no admittance onto the course and you will incur a re-booking fee or be returned to the police to discuss your options.
- Only original documents are acceptable forms of ID. Copies are not permitted.

Attending an online 'Digital Classroom' course via the digital platform ZOOM

The digital course is currently being offered as an alternative to attending a course at a venue.

To ensure you can attend the iCourse, we strongly advise that you read all additional information sent to you prior to attending which will include details of minimum IT requirements and a YouTube video which provides a guide to the course and includes a troubleshooting section.

You will also need to ensure you have all the following:

- Stable internet connection throughout the course duration for up to 3 hours
- An electronic device with camera and speakers or a device with webcam and speakers. Clients have successfully completed this course using mobile phones, tablets, computers, and laptops
- Paper and pen

You will be required to be in a closed/quiet room with no interruptions for the duration of the course. You are not permitted to be in a moving vehicle.

No one else will be allowed in the room whilst the course is in progress, but you can have assistance setting up the IT and accessing the course.

If you lose internet connectivity you will be allowed to re-join the course within 5 minutes of leaving or you will be locked out and will need to contact the office to discuss your options. If we can offer you an alternative course space a rebooking fee will be required.

Childcare provision

If you do not have childcare provision, you will be required to book another course. Whilst we will try to accommodate any changes that you may request this is not always possible to rebook you in Kent as spaces are based on client demand. If you do not contact us within 7 days of the date of your course, you will incur a rebooking fee.

Please note if you do not have childcare provision for the duration of the course you will not be allowed to attend and if we are able to rebook you, this will incur a rebooking fee.

Use of electronic devices including mobile phones.

If you are expecting an urgent call, in relation to an emergency health condition, a maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed. This **MUST** be agreed prior to the start of your course and if the call duration is longer, you will be removed from the course.

If there is a requirement for you to use your mobile phone, app, or other software on your electronic device as an aid (including diabetes, heart monitors and hearing aid apps) to assist you to attend and complete your course, KCC will make any reasonable adjustment to allow this. Please contact the Kent Driver Education Team prior to your course date to discuss your request. Please also discuss this with trainer at registration, so that they can advise you of any security requirements to ensure the data protection of all attendees.

All other electronic devices (including mobile phones, watches, iPads, tablets and any other item that may make a noise or sound (including alarms and alerts) must be switched to 'Do Not Disturb', 'Meeting' or 'Silent' with the vibrate function turned off, and they must be stored out of sight.

Where a client is seen to be actively using a device during the course, they will be asked to leave.

Important Information

To protect everyone's privacy, you must not take any screen shots, photographs, or recordings of the course. UKROEd/NDORS actively monitor all social media channels and if a data breach is discovered this will be fully investigated. This will lead to your course attendance being void and you will be referred back to the Police who will issue with the penalty of three points and a fine. If you require an Interpreter to attend the iCourse you must contact the office prior to the course date to make suitable arrangements. Please email KDE@kent.gov.uk confirming the name of your interpreter. They must be at least 16 years old.

Course Link to join zoom meeting

If you do not receive the `KCC Course link` email which is sent automatically 72 hours before your course start time and to the email you provided at the time of booking, please email KDE@kent.gov.uk and request this is sent to you. Please check your spam and junk folders.

You will not be permitted into the virtual classroom if you are late, and you will need to contact the Kent Driver Education Team on 03000 411554

Attending a Classroom based course

When you agree to attend a driver education course, the place is for you and no one else. It is an offence for another person to attend the course in your place. If this occurs, the Police will immediately be informed and will decide what action to take.

The course starts promptly at the start time shown on your confirmation email/letter so please join the meeting in plenty of time. If you attend/arrive late, you will not be permitted to attend the course.

Successfully completing your course

Your offence is active until you have successfully completed the course. To do this, your NDORS trainers must be satisfied that you have met the following expectations:

- Attend for the entire duration of the course
- Make a positive contribution through active participation
- Demonstrate a responsible attitude to safe driving
- Complete any mandatory course paperwork
- Demonstrate respect for others on the course and for the trainers
- Contribute to maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment

If the NDORS trainers are not satisfied that you displayed an appropriate attitude, or you did not stay for the duration of the course, your file will be returned to the Police and they will decide what action to take.

Failure to attend the course.

If you are late for your course, do not attend the course or fail to complete this in full and did not contact us your file will automatically be returned to the Police Force, and they will decide what action to take. Please refer to the Police Offer letter prior to contacting them to review the other options available to you. The course cost will not be refunded.

We reserve the right to refuse entry to any participant (either online digital or physical classroom-based course) if we believe them to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Course cancellations & changes to Zoom course details including URL Links

It may be necessary for us to cancel a course due to unforeseen circumstances, including changes to the Zoom URL Links

If this happens, we will make every effort to offer you another course within the time limit set by the Police. If we cannot offer you a suitable alternative within the time limit, we will fully refund the cost of the course and refer you to the Police explaining to them the reasons why. You will have to then discuss your options with them directly.

Complaints procedure

If you wish to make a complaint about the course or instructors, you will need to follow our complaints process available on [our website](#).