



**THE BRITISH DRIVING SOCIETY LTD.**

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**Discounts on Training & Assessment for the new Horse Transport Certificates**

As you may know, anyone transporting equines ' in connection with an economic activity' now requires a Certificate of Competence under the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 2006, Statutory Instrument No 3260 – known as ' **WATOs Certificates**'.

This means that anyone you employ ( whether permanent, temporary or casual) to either drive a horse transport vehicle, or to care for the animals during transport, will need a Certificate of Competence, because it is their **employment** which constitutes the ' economic activity'.

As a national, not-for-profit equestrian organisation, the BDS is committed to doing all we can to help the entire equestrian sector to obtain documents, certificates, etc, at the most cost-effective prices, and we already supply Horse Passports to charities, rescue centres and welfare organisations at cost price.

As a DEFRA and QCA-approved Awarding Body for WATOs Certificates, we are now able to offer you a substantial saving on BDS Training and Assessment Days ( T&A Days).

**A typical T&A Day organised by commercial WATOs providers costs £120 - £180 per person.** As a not-for-profit organisation committed to providing a cost-effective service to the horse world, the BDS offers exactly the same service for roughly half this cost.

I am therefore writing to offer to provide group BDS WATOs T&A Days for your organisation as follows :

**WATOs Attendant - £55 per person ( normal cost, £65)**  
**WATOs Transport Driver - £65 per person (normal cost, £75)**

**Successful candidates will be awarded a VQ Level 3 Certificate, plus a DEFRA Certificate of Competence in Equine Transport, which is the required legal document**

Furthermore, providing you have a minimum group size of 5 candidates, BDS Assessors will travel to you at no extra cost, which avoids the problems of staff having to be away for the day.

If you would like further information, please use the contact details at the top of this letter to get in touch.

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