

Road Passenger Vehicle Driving Course



Taxi drivers are on road to success

Hundreds of North Staffordshire taxi and private hire drivers are on the route to success with the help of Stoke on Trent College training.

The BTEC QCF 'Introduction to the Role of the Professional Taxi and Private Hire Driver' (Level 2) and/or QCF 'Road Passenger Vehicle Driving' (RPVD) reinforce their skills such as safe driving, health and safety, customer service and disability awareness. In some cases taxi/private hire drivers have also received literacy and numeracy training.

Yasmin pictured above took the opportunity of obtaining the NVQ qualification in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving RPVD and Btec in Transporting Passenger by Taxi and Private Hire and found it to be most beneficial. Initially Yasmin had some reservations on committing onto the NVQ programme, thinking she may not have the time to complete the course as she had a full time driving job along with running her own business. However after her assessor explained the process and the flexibility in delivering around her needs,

she was keen to start her course. In a male dominated industry Yasmin has helped to change attitudes and is now a qualified tutor/assessor working for Stoke on Trent College to deliver the above qualifications.

Stoke on Trent College was approached by Stoke-on-Trent City Council to run these courses and the majority of the city's 1500 drivers are now well on course to completing these qualifications. Stoke on Trent College is also delivering these qualifications in other areas such as Burton-on-Trent, Loughborough, Manchester, South Cheshire and Staffordshire.

A Stoke-on-Trent City Council spokesperson said: *"This is an important course because it ensures all passengers know their driver is properly qualified and has high standards of customer care."*

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