NSW Snow Driver Program



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Course Overview

The NSW Snow Driver Program is a non-accredited program and has been designed to provide drivers and operators with the knowledge required for a coach (bus) driver to transport passengers in the NSW snowfields.

It covers a theoretical and practical component of the requirements of Accreditation Bulletin update 1.3 May 2020, issued by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

Entry Requirements

- ✓ Current and valid Driver's Licence
- ✓ NHVR Logbook
- ✓ NSW Driver Authority Card
- ✓ Proficient in use of snow chains in the assessment vehicle
- ✓ 3rd Party Verification Report signed by workplace supervisor prior to departing for snowfields for practical assessment confirming access to equipment requirements below

Equipment Requirements

In order to complete the practical component of this program, drivers must have access to:

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**, including:
  - Suitable hi-visibility Jacket
  - Suitable pants, socks and weatherproof/ waterproof work boots
  - Gloves, beanie, balaclava and thermals
  - Goggles, sunglasses and sunscreen
- **Vehicle Safety Equipment**, including:
  - Snow chains
  - Tarpaulin or carpet or groundsheet
  - Wheel chocks
  - Shovel and torch

Learning Outcomes

Legislation and Legal Requirements:

- Passenger Transport (General) Regulation
- National Parks and Wildlife Regulation
- Bus Operator Accreditation Scheme (BOAS)
- Drug & Alcohol Management
- Safety Management Systems
- Driver Health Requirements
- Fatigue Management
- Manual Handling

Preparing for Work in the Snowfields:

- Mental, Physical & Vehicle Preparation
- Snow Chains
- Risk Factors & Hazards in the Snowfields
- Human, Environmental & Vehicular

Specialist Alpine Driving Techniques:

- Basics
- Turning, Braking, Skid Control
- Incident Management

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Delivery Methods

Step 1: Theory Training – Online or Face to Face

Course Fee: $350 +GST per person*

Embark on your snow driving journey with our comprehensive theory training, offering flexibility to suit your schedule. Choose from our engaging online course, accessible anytime, anywhere, or opt for interactive face-to-face sessions at BusNSW Headquarters in Parramatta.

- Online Learning:
  - Complete the 4.5-hour course at your own pace, with a link provided upon enrolment and payment
  - Our platform covers all essential knowledge and includes a final theory assessment
- Face-to-face Learning:
  - Join us at 27 Villiers Street, Parramatta, for evening sessions from 6pm to 10pm
  - Gain direct interaction with instructors and engage in collaborative learning
  - Contact us to learn more about upcoming dates

Upon successful completion, you will receive a Statement of Attendance and a crucial 3rd Party Verification Report. This report must be signed off by your supervisors and is essential for proceeding to the practical assessment.

**Note: BusNSW members enjoy a discounted rate of $250 +GST per person for theory training. Please provide proof of membership to access this benefit.*

Step 2: Practical Training in Jindabyne

Course Fee: $550 +GST per person

Following your successful theory completion, prepare for hands-on practical training in Jindabyne. Practical assessment dates will be co-ordinated by Into Training NSW.

- Travel to Jindabyne at your own expense, bringing your own bus/coach
- The assessed vehicle type will be recorded on your BusNSW and Into Training NSW card issued on successful completion
- Our experienced trainer will conduct a competency conversation and confirm your understanding of the theory and obtain the signed 3rd Party Verification Report
- Learn to expertly fit snow chains and demonstrate your driving competence on designated routes, including the Alpine Way to Thredbo and Jindabyne to Perisher, as per RMS requirements
- We maintain a maximum of 4 drivers per day (2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon), ensuring personalised attention during the 2 hour per driver session
- Successful completion requires meeting specific driving standards
- Strict safety standards apply and certain driving violations will result in immediate failure
- If you are deemed "Not Yet Competent" then reassessment will be required at an additional cost

Upon successful completion, you will receive a Statement of Completion and a card will be issued by BusNSW and Into Training NSW.

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