

4.25t GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW) DEROGATION



The law has changed for alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) with a gross vehicle weight limit between 3.5 tonnes and 4.25 tonnes, resulting in some regulatory exemptions. This includes fully electric vans.

The 4.25t GVW derogation applies to vehicles with Electric, Natural Gas, LPG Biogas and Hydrogen drive trains. The law now allows drivers who hold a Category B (passenger car) driving licence to drive AFVs up to 4.25t as long as they:

- are transporting goods
- have completed at least 5 hours of training
- are not towing a trailer
- are not driving outside of Great Britain (excluding Northern Ireland).

Drivers holding a Category C or C1 Licence are exempt from this training requirement if they hold a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC).



Training must be provided by a company on the National Register of LGV Instructors or the National Vocational Driving Instructors Register.



The EU drivers' hours rules do not apply as long as the vehicle is carrying goods within 62 miles of the company's base.



Companies will be able to run AFVs up to 4.25t as part of their fleet, without these vehicles needing to be on a vehicle operator licence. Please note that AFVs between 3.5t and 4.25t will require an MOT 1 year after registration, and then annually going forward.

For further information, please get in touch with your Arval contact.

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