

	New rules for towing a trailer
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Towing driving licence requirements are about to change. The government has announced that there will be new rules for towing a trailer or caravan with a car from autumn 2021.

Once the law has changed, if you passed your car driving test after 1 January 1997, you will be allowed to tow trailers up to 3,500kg maximum authorised mass (MAM). If you passed your car driving test before 1 January 1997 you will not be affected by the changes.

DVLA will update your driving licence record to show that you are allowed to tow trailers. You will get category BE added to your driving licence when you get a new photocard driving licence. You do not need to contact DVLA for this to happen. It will be done automatically.

The car and trailer driving test was withdrawn on 20th September. Until the law changes, you must continue to follow the current rules about what you are allowed to tow based on when you passed your car driving test. The date when the legislation will change has not been named but The Government have stated that it will be autumn 2021.

For full details of the proposed changes and what you need to do now:

[New rules for towing a trailer or caravan with a car from autumn 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rules-for-towing-a-trailer-or-caravan-with-a-car-from-autumn-2021)