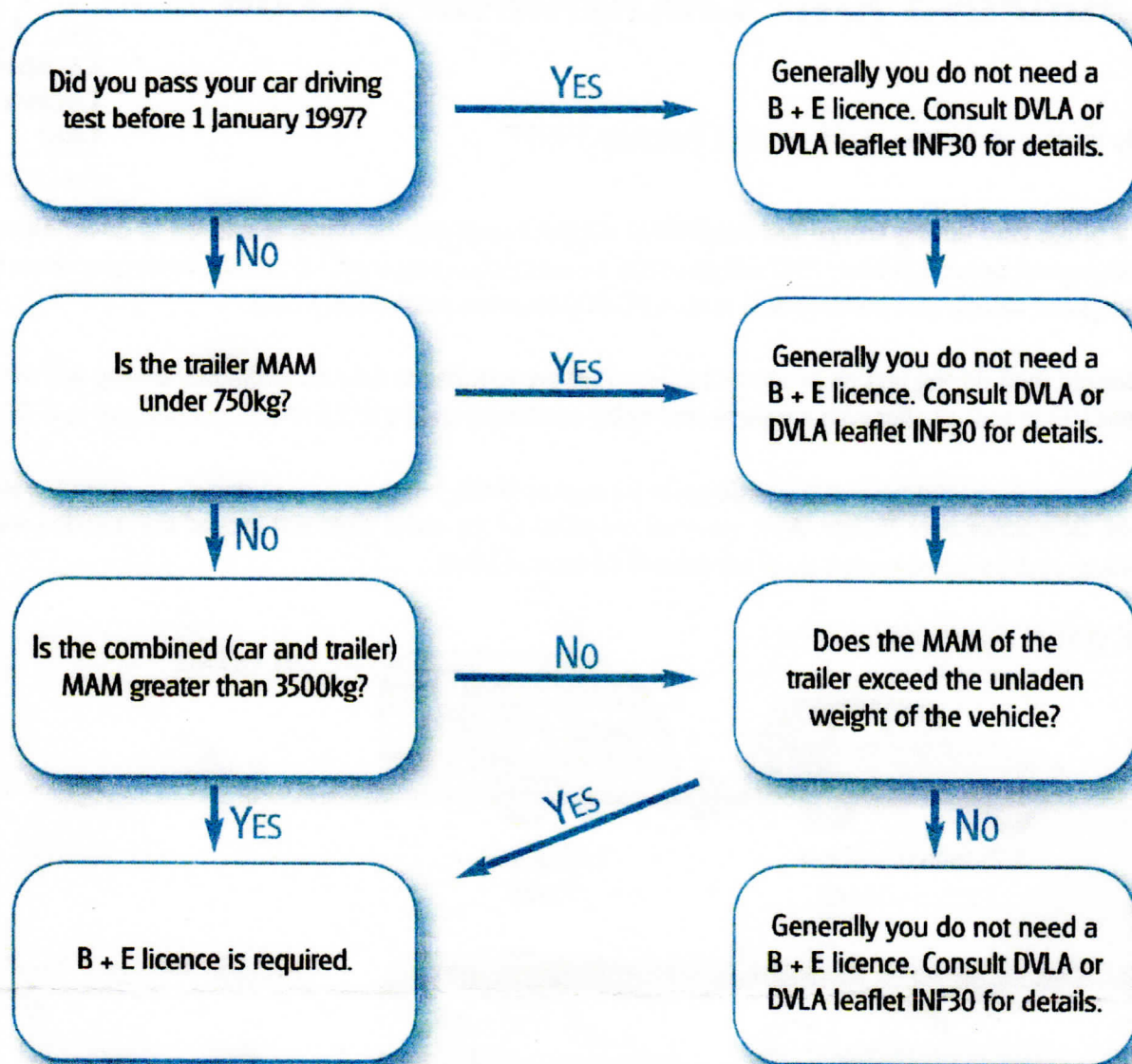


DO YOU REQUIRE A B + E TEST?



GLOSSARY

Unladen Weight – The unladen weight of any vehicle is the vehicles own weight when not carrying goods or burden. This is:-

- Inclusive of the body and all parts which are necessary to or ordinarily used with the vehicle or trailer when working on a road
- Exclusive of water, fuel or accumulators used for the purpose of the supply of power for the propulsion of the vehicle

Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM) – The term Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM), which is also known as gross weight or permissible maximum weight, is the maximum weight of the vehicle that may be used on the road including the maximum load the vehicle may safely carry. This is normally shown on a plate fitted to the vehicle within the engine compartment.

If a vehicle is unlikely to be used at its potential maximum weight most vehicles may be downplated. For example, the vehicles springs or other components can be changed, so that only a lighter load can be carried. The maximum authorised mass or gross weight is a factor in determining what driving entitlement is required.

Plated Weight – The Maximum Authorised Mass should be shown on the manufacturing plate fitted to the vehicle. This means the marking on a goods vehicle, by means of a ministry plate, showing the maximum weights for that particular vehicle eg Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM), and in certain cases, train weight.

Train Weight

Train weight is the combined MAM of the vehicle and the trailer it is pulling.