## <u>News story: Updates to driving</u> <u>licences to include alternatively</u> <u>fuelled vans</u>

- drivers who hold a category B driving licence will be able to drive alternatively fuelled vans provided they complete additional training in new legislation set out by government
- alternatively fuelled vans eligible to be driven under the new legislation can weigh between 3.5 and 4.25 tonnes

The Department for Transport has today (29 April 2019) informed industry that drivers who hold a category B driving licence are now able to operate alternatively fuelled vans, provided they complete a minimum of 5 hours additional relevant training.

The new law comes as part of the government's commitment to encourage the transition to ultra-low emission vehicles, as set out in the <u>Road to Zero</u> <u>Strategy</u>.

Future of Mobility Minister Jesse Norman said:

The government's Road to Zero Strategy sets out our ambition for all new cars and vans to be effectively zero emission by 2040.

By changing these driving licence requirements, we are seeking to support business owners by enabling them to use alternatively fuelled vehicles more easily.

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