



# Triple “A” Driver Training Centre



## Obtaining an *Area Knowledge Certificate*

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## **What is an area knowledge certificate?**

An area knowledge certificate is a certificate that shows you have passed a general knowledge test relating to the area your taxi organisation operates in. It also shows that you have demonstrated an ability to communicate in the English language.

## **Who needs to hold it?**

**All** taxi drivers!

It is *illegal* to drive a taxi without an Area knowledge certificate for the area required by the Taxi company they are driving for.

## **How do taxi drivers obtain an Area Knowledge Certificate?**

Only **approved** “area knowledge testing agencies” are able to issue Area Knowledge Certificates.

Triple ‘A’ Driver Training Centre is an approved testing agency and will help you through this process.

The fastest and simplest way to obtain your certificate is to attend a Triple ‘A’ Area Knowledge Course.

If you are unable to attend the course there is a distant learning study pack available

## **How long does the course take?**

In Wellington there are 4 city areas in the 1 metropolitan test: Wellington, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt and Porirua.

The course is held over **four weeks**, run from 9.30am-1pm Monday to Wednesday and includes:

- A **four Week** Area knowledge course
- Area Knowledge Road Trips
- Area Knowledge Test

There are practical drive sessions to explore the areas & homework will be required to attain the necessary level of knowledge.

Please contact the school for up coming courses dates.

To be issued a certificate, you will need to complete the Wellington Metropolitan Test.

### **Where do I get information required for such an assessment?**

Triple 'A' Driver Training Centre will supply you with all the resource material and application forms.

### **How is the Area Knowledge test constructed?**

Wellington Metropolitan area knowledge is a Written and Oral

**closed book** test and consists of 8 objectives which are:

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| <b>Objective 1</b> | Communicate in English                    |
| <b>Objective 2</b> | Select most Advantageous Routes           |
| <b>Objective 3</b> | Locations, Major buildings and Land marks |
| <b>Objective 4</b> | Main arterial roads                       |
| <b>Objective 5</b> | Understanding a road map                  |
| <b>Objective 6</b> | Geographical Knowledge                    |
| <b>Objective 7</b> | Navigation skills                         |
| <b>Objective 8</b> | Taxi ranks                                |

To enrol on the Area Knowledge course please contact the office for an introductory meeting 04 478 9876.

To secure a booking & collection of study materials a deposit is required.