

Coach drivers' hours - a quick guide to the law - 2010 update

Daily driving limit	9 hours per day - can be extended to 10 hours twice in any one fixed week. Maximum 4½ hours driving without a break
Weekly driving limits	56 hours in any one fixed week; 90 hours in any fortnight
Breaks	45 minutes after 4½ hours driving; can be split into 2 - the first of 15 minutes, the second of 30 minutes. Breaks must be used exclusively for "recuperation" but can be taken as a passenger in a moving coach.
Daily rest	11 hours (within each 24 hour period from starting work); Can be reduced to 9 hours three times between weekly rests (no compensation is required)
Split daily rest	12 hours rest in total (within 24 hour period) - at least 3 hours followed by at least 9 hours
Maximum working day	Normal rest = 13 hours work (24-11) Reduced rest or split daily rest = 15 hours (24-9) Multiple manning = 21 hours (30-9)
Multiple manning	Working day can be extended to 30 hours
Weekly rest	45 hours taken no later than 144 hours (6x24) after your previous weekly rest ends. Can be reduced to 24 hours but you must take at least one full 45 hour rest and one reduced rest every two consecutive fixed weeks; reductions must be compensated en-bloc, by the end of the third week after the reduction. <i>Under very limited circumstances, from June 2010 it is possible to work for up to 12 days on an international journey - refer to separate guidance for the very specific rules to be followed before, during and after the journey.</i>
Where rest is taken	Weekly rest can be taken at base or away. Reduced weekly rest taken away from base can be taken in a bunk on a stationary coach
Travelling to <i>and</i> from taking over a coach away from base	Travelling time is 'other work' - this includes driving a car, riding as a passenger, going by train, etc. (Driving an empty coach counts as driving however). The rules on daily and weekly rest apply if you travel to OR FROM taking over a coach away from base or your home.
Handing in tachograph charts	You are required to carry your driver card (if issued with one) and used paper charts for the current day and the previous 28 days. Charts must be handed in no more than 42 days after use.
9 to 16 seaters	Minibuses are now subject to EU rules, even wholly within the UK, except when being used on a regular service under 50kms.

Important note: this sheet is intended as a quick reference guide to the new EU Rules, *not* a full explanation of the law. It does not cover domestic driving hours regulations. Updated 1/5/10.
Please refer to the Guild's 8-page training guide for a more detailed description of the rules.

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