



Chester & Nantwich
Advanced Drivers



www.canad.org.uk

0845 0095399 * 01244 470500

Registered Charity - 1112887

What does 'Advanced Driving' actually mean?

It is a safe, thoughtful and methodical way of driving.

An Advanced Driver is observant and alert, making smooth and efficient progress through being in the right place in the road, travelling at an appropriate speed with the correct gear selected.

To achieve this, we:

- **Concentrate** on our driving, managing electronic and human distractions
- **Observe** widely, looking well ahead and being aware of what is happening around us, which makes us better able to...
- **Anticipate** what is likely to happen, so we can.....
- **Plan our driving** to deal with any circumstances, rather than simply react to hazards and other road users. We base our planning on a tried and trusted driving plan used by Police driving schools for decades.

We are offering to help you to achieve this driving standard through a series of accompanied drives. One of our qualified Observers will offer guidance and practical advice to help you to become one of the most skilled drivers on the road. The course finishes with an advanced driving test with a retired Police qualified examiner and the award of a certificate.

When you have completed the course, your driving will be safer, smoother, more economical and you will know how to make good progress on the road.

This should reduce your driving costs through lower insurance and lower fuel consumption and at the same time increase your confidence and enjoyment.

Safe, smooth, systematic and making good progress – the Advanced Driver

Interested in finding out more?

Telephone: 0845 009 5399 ~ www.canad.org.uk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I do the course in my own car?

Yes; you have to provide a car that it is legal for you to drive. That is your responsibility.

How long does it take?

That largely depends on you and your progress but on average around 10 x 90 minute sessions (60 minutes driving/30 minutes talking) spread over 3 to 4 months is about right.

When do I do it?

At a time convenient to both you and your assigned Observer. You choose a mutually convenient time and place to meet.

Who will be my Observer?

Your Observer will be assigned by your group depending on availability and location. Observers are unpaid volunteers who have successfully passed their Advanced Driving Tests and continued their training; investing considerable time, energy and expense in their own personal development to qualify as Observers and now freely offer their time and experience to assist others to become safer, better drivers.

How much does it cost?

The price includes everything except the petrol you use, the occasional cup of coffee and you must spend £2.50 on an up to date copy of the Highway Code.

Will it mean cheaper insurance?

There are lots of factors that determine insurance premiums and being an advanced driver is considered a fairly minor one unfortunately. However, statistics show that advanced drivers are about 70% less likely to be involved in accidents or incidents so not making claims and avoiding points on your licence will make a huge saving over time.

Is it OK to have an automatic or electric car?

Yes; you can do your course and test in an automatic or electric car.

Do I have to do an exam?

The course gives you the knowledge and skills to make you a better driver whether or not you take the test at the end. Most people like to take the test as it gives a huge sense of achievement. It is an hour-long drive, normally with a retired police driving instructor, covering all types of roads and there will be some verbal questions only.

I already have X points on my licence – is that OK?

Yes, but you would be wise to discuss this aspect of your driving with your Observer.

Will it stop me from having a crash?

No. That is entirely in your own hands. Advanced driving can help you to understand and manage risks but it is not a safety blanket or magic wand.

I can see the benefits but are there any drawbacks?

We think that it's a bit of a 'no-brainer' – you become safer, smoother, save money and enjoy driving a lot more too. But it does require some effort and emotional maturity to accept constructive criticism and be self-disciplined in order to achieve the goal.

If you can think of any reasoned drawbacks then please let us know.....