



THE NEW ZEALAND VERSION OF  
**SAFE AND FUEL  
 EFFICIENT DRIVING**

## The benefits of SAFED NZ

### For truck, bus and coach drivers

Safe and fuel efficient driving helps drivers improve their professionalism and become a better asset to their employer. Personal benefits for drivers include:

- reduced stress levels and enhanced satisfaction of driving
- increased confidence in vehicle control and driving performance
- increased personal safety.

### For operators

By developing the skills of your truck, bus and coach drivers, you will benefit through:

- reduced fuel costs
- increased productivity and vehicle use
- improved resale value of fleet
- reduced running costs
- potential reductions in insurance premiums.

### For organisations and the environment

Safe and fuel efficient driving contributes to:

- the on-going development of the health and safety culture within an organisation
- effective road risk management
- reducing CO<sub>2</sub> and other harmful vehicle emissions
- reducing vehicle damage and personal injury

## Want to know more?

Visit [www.safednz.govt.nz](http://www.safednz.govt.nz) to find:

- more information about the SAFED NZ course
- a SAFED NZ instructor in your area
- how to become a SAFED NZ instructor
- case studies from organisations that have implemented SAFED NZ training
- tips and information on how you and your organisation can save fuel and improve the efficiency of your operation
- online calculators to estimate the savings you could achieve from undertaking a SAFED NZ course.

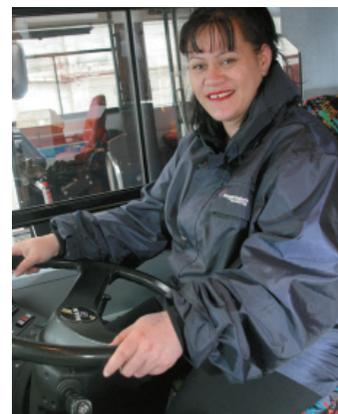
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## Driver development course for truck, bus and coach drivers



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## What is SAFED NZ?

Safe and Fuel Efficient Driving New Zealand (SAFED NZ) is a driver development course for truck, bus and coach drivers. There are two separate courses; one for truck drivers and one for bus and coach drivers.

SAFED NZ helps organisations **reduce fuel and maintenance costs**, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and improve safety.

A fuel efficient driving style is closely linked with improved road safety. Adopting simple fuel efficient driving techniques gives drivers more time to identify hazards and react to them.

The New Zealand programme has been adapted from a successful scheme in the UK, which has been offered on a commercial basis for over six years, and has trained more than 20,000 drivers.

### Save up to 10 percent of your fuel bill!

Applying safe and fuel efficient driving techniques learnt through SAFED NZ can reduce fuel consumption by as much as 10 percent. Ongoing savings on repairs and maintenance are also achieved. This can make a big difference to the bottom line of your commercial fleet operation.

## About the SAFED NZ course

SAFED NZ is a comprehensive one-day, off-the-job driver development course. It teaches safe and fuel efficient driving techniques through a combination of theoretical and practical exercises. It is generally delivered on a 2-1 ratio (two drivers with one instructor).

The one-day training programme begins with an approved SAFED NZ instructor assessing the participant's driving on a specific route. This is followed by classroom-based training on best practice in safe and fuel efficient driving techniques. The participant then drives around the same course while the instructor coaches them on the points learned in the classroom session. The instructor records improvements in driving performance and actual fuel consumption.

Finally, the participant is assessed on a series of straightforward safety check and theory exercises. The final grade is then based on the results from the two practical driving sessions and the exercises.

If the participant has a gap in one of the elements, the instructor will recommend where extra training would benefit the participant.

At the end of the training session, the participant and instructor will agree a target figure for future improvement in fuel consumption.

## How can I take part in SAFED NZ?

Specially trained Senior Instructors and Driver Training Instructors offer the SAFED NZ course in locations across New Zealand. Visit [www.safednz.govt.nz](http://www.safednz.govt.nz) to find your nearest instructor.

## How much does the SAFED NZ course cost?

The cost of the course is a commercial arrangement between you and the instructor. Contact your nearest instructor for a quote. Depending on your operation, companies should get a pay back in fuel and maintenance savings in a relatively short time.

## Can I become a SAFED NZ Instructor?

Yes, if your job currently involves training drivers, whether in-house or commercially, then you should look at becoming an instructor. Potential instructors will usually benefit from undertaking the one-day driver course first.

## How do I become a SAFED NZ Instructor?

If you meet some basic criteria, you can apply to become a SAFED NZ Driver Training Instructor. Visit [www.safednz.govt.nz](http://www.safednz.govt.nz) or contact one of the Senior Instructors listed on the website to see if you meet the criteria. This is a separate and longer course than the one for drivers. It can only be delivered by a Senior Instructor.