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PCO & DELIVERY DRIVER MASTERCLASS

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Earn Legally & Safely in the UK Gig Economy

Empowering UK drivers to work smarter, safer, and legally



ABOUT THE COURSE

The gig economy in the UK offers flexible work opportunities through platforms such as Uber, Deliveroo, Just Eat, and Amazon Flex.

This masterclass is designed for both beginners and experienced drivers, providing a comprehensive roadmap to success.

At the end of this masterclass, you'll complete an exam and receive a Certificate of Completion and Verifiable ID issued by Summer Projects Ltd.

In this course, you'll learn how to:

01

Meet legal requirements and licensing standards

02

Manage daily operations and use multi-app strategies effectively

03

Apply safety and risk management principles

04

Handle financial planning and tax compliance

05

Master customer service and rating management

06

Develop a long-term professional career

About Summer Projects Ltd

Summer Projects Ltd is a dedicated training provider specialising in PCO (Private Hire Drivers) and Delivery Driver education across the UK — delivered both online and in person.

01 Our Mission

To empower gig drivers with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to navigate the gig economy safely and successfully.

02 Our Focus

We provide practical education and real-world experience that help both new and experienced drivers thrive in a competitive industry.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR – **MICHAEL OCANSEY**

I'm Michael Ocansey,
your tutor and the
founder of Summer
Projects Ltd.



Background – Born in Accra, Ghana, I worked in the print industry before moving to the UK in 2003 in search of better opportunities.

Challenges – Adjusting to UK culture, weather, and driving laws was not easy. After years in construction, I turned to gig driving for flexibility and stability.

Experiences – I've driven for Uber, Deliveroo, Just Eat, and more across London, Basingstoke, Derby, Mansfield, and Exeter.

Setbacks & Growth – From surviving a near-fatal road accident in 2014, to facing false accusations in court, to struggling with TfL licensing issues — my journey has been filled with lessons on resilience, compliance, and preparation.

Motivation – These experiences, and seeing other drivers face burnout, scams, and penalties, inspired me to create this training. My mission is to help drivers avoid these traps and succeed safely in the gig economy.

SUPPORT PROMISE

Every student who joins this
course receives:



6 months of dedicated support via calls, WhatsApp, email, and text



Guidance on licensing, compliance, and platform-related issues



Ongoing mentorship to ensure long-term professional success



You'll never walk alone — expert help is always just a message away.

STUDENT FAQs

01

What is the gig economy, and how does it differ from traditional employment?

The gig economy offers short-term, flexible work through apps like Uber or Deliveroo. Unlike traditional jobs, it doesn't include fixed hours or benefits like sick pay or pensions.

02

Do I need a special licence to start gig driving in the UK?

Yes. For rideshare, you'll need a Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) licence from your local council, and a valid UK driving licence.

03

How do I know if I'm a worker or self-employed?

Your status depends on platform control. In 2021, the Supreme Court ruled that Uber drivers are "workers," giving them rights such as minimum wage and paid holidays.

04

What insurance do I need?

You'll need Private Hire or Hire & Reward insurance. Standard car insurance does not cover commercial gig driving.

05

How do I manage taxes?

Register with HMRC, track your expenses using budgeting apps, and set aside 25–30% of your earnings for tax.

MODULE 1

INTRODUCTION TO THE UK GIG ECONOMY & COURSE ORIENTATION



Welcome to your training journey!

Whether you're new to gig driving or switching careers for more flexibility and control, you've made a smart investment in your future.

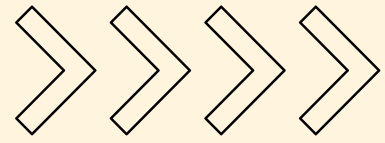
This course will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and mindset to succeed as a UK gig driver — covering both:

- PCO (Private Hire Vehicle) driving and
- Delivery services via platforms like Uber, Bolt, Deliveroo, Just Eat, and Amazon Flex.



You'll have the freedom to choose your path:

🚗 PCO driver, 📦 Delivery driver, or 🌟 Both — for maximum opportunity.



UNDERSTANDING THE UK GIG ECONOMY

Overview

- The gig economy means short-term, flexible, app-based jobs where you're paid per task rather than a fixed salary.
- It offers freedom and control, but with fewer protections than traditional work.
- Over 5 million UK workers (2025) are part of this fast-growing sector.
- Popular platforms include Uber, Bolt, Deliveroo, Just Eat, and Amazon Flex.
- You set your own hours and workload — but you must manage your tax, insurance, vehicle costs, and safety.

Comparison Table:

Traditional Job	Gig Economy Driver
Fixed schedule	Choose your own hours
Salary + benefits	Paid per job completed
Sick pay & pension	Self-managed finances
Employee protections	Limited rights (unless classified as "worker")

Real Story: Sarah from Manchester

Meet Sarah, a single mum from Manchester. She joined Uber in 2023 seeking flexibility around childcare.

Early on, she struggled with taxes, insurance, and platform rules, leading to two deactivations — not from poor driving, but from lack of knowledge.

After attending a local driver training meetup, everything changed.

Sarah now drives ≈ 30 hours a week, earns more than in retail, and enjoys full control of her time.



This course exists so you won't face the same confusion.

We guide you through each step with clarity, real-life examples, and expert support.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR LEGAL STATUS



EMPLOYEE

- Full employment rights: sick pay, redundancy protection, pension.
- Common in traditional jobs, rare in gig driving.



WORKER

- Partial rights: minimum wage, holiday pay, rest breaks.
- After the 2021 Supreme Court ruling, Uber drivers are classed as workers, not fully self-employed.



SELF-EMPLOYED

- No employee rights — you manage your own tax, insurance, and benefits.
- Most delivery drivers fall under this category.

Knowing your status helps you understand your rights, protect your income, and seek legal help when needed.

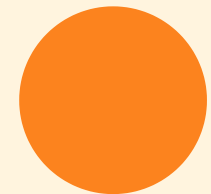
WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO START DRIVING

For PCO Drivers (Private Hire)

- Must be 21 years or older
- Hold a full UK or EEA licence (for at least 3 years)
- Apply for a PHV/PCO licence via TfL or your local council
- Pass a medical examination
- Complete a DBS (criminal record) check
- Pass a Topographical or SERU test
- Have a ULEZ-compliant vehicle (owned or rented)

For Delivery Drivers

- Hold a valid UK driving licence
- Obtain "Hire and Reward" insurance
- Use a bike, scooter, moped, or car
- Have a smartphone with apps like Uber Eats, Deliveroo, or Just Eat
- Complete basic background checks



CHOOSING YOUR LEARNING PATH



PCO Driver Path

Modules:

2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Focus on:

- Licensing
- Compliance
- Professional Driving
- Customer Service
- Financial Management

Delivery Driver Path

Modules:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Focus on:

- App Deliveries
- Safety
- Time Management
- Ratings
- Tax Readiness

Both Paths Combined

Modules:

All 14 **Focus on:**

Gain the complete skill set for both PCO and Delivery driving, expanding your career options and earning potential.