

**Comparison of Staff Training Requirements for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)
and Dangerous Goods (DG) Vehicles**

Item	Aspects for Comparison	LPG Vehicle	DG Vehicle
1	Legislation	Staff training is required under Reg. 39 of the Gas Safety (Gas Supply) Regulations (Cap. 51 sub. leg.)	No requirement at present. Training requirements will be stipulated in the proposed amendments to the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (Cap. 295 sub. leg.)
2	Persons required to be trained	Persons carrying out operation in relation to the LPG cylinder wagon or road tanker.	Drivers of DG vehicles.
3	Organizations providing training courses	Registered gas supply companies.	The Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC), Vocational Training Centre and Quality Driver Training Centre Ltd. (QDTC) have indicated interest in running the relevant training programmes. Consideration is also being given to accredit the in-house training courses currently conducted by major DG suppliers for their drivers.
4	Duration of course	LPG cylinder wagon - half day; LPG road tank - 5 days.	3 days for inexperienced DG vehicle drivers; 2 days for experienced DG vehicle drivers.

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5	Course contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Knowledge of LPG; ♦ Fire prevention, control and safety; ♦ Road tanker knowledge; ♦ Emergency procedures; ♦ Operating procedures; and ♦ First aid in emergency. 	<p><u>Core Module (2 days):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Legislative provisions of Dangerous Goods Ordinance; ♦ Classification, labelling and packaging requirements of DG; and ♦ Safety requirements and licensing conditions of DG vehicle. <p><u>Optional/Elective Modules for Class 2, 3 or 4-9 to meet drivers' need (1 day):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Responsibilities of consignors and drivers; ♦ Transportation document and declaration; ♦ Special requirements for conveyance of individual class of dangerous goods; ♦ Safety and preventive measures; and ♦ Emergency procedures and use of fire extinguishers and emergency equipment.
6	Recognition of competent persons or qualified drivers	Gas supply companies issue and keep a record of competent person for individual trainee, a copy of which is sent to Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.	The training institutes will issue a certificate to individual qualified drivers and forward lists of qualified drivers to Fire Services Department for record purpose.

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7	Course fee	Gas supply companies provide training courses to staff.	For a 3-day course, OSHC and QDTC have proposed a course fee of \$1,440 and \$1,800 - \$2,000 respectively.
8	Refresher training	Not required	Every 5 years.