

DRIVERS WITHOUT D OR D1 DRIVING ENTITLEMENT

If you passed your UK manual car driving test before 1 January 1997, you have (subject to any terms and conditions set by the operator) an automatic entitlement (until the age of 70) to drive a minibus with 9-16 passenger seats.

If you passed the test after 31 December 1996, you are normally required to pass a further driving test in order to gain entitlement to drive a minibus with 9-16 passenger seats (category D or D1 on the new style driving licence). However, under certain circumstances, a driver may drive such a vehicle without the need for such a test. These circumstances are that:

- a) The driver has held a full driving licence, with entitlement to drive a car (category B) for at least two years.
- b) The minibus is used for social purposes by a non-commercial body.
- c) The driver is providing his/her services on a voluntary basis (i.e. unpaid except for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses).
- d) The gross (i.e. laden) weight of the minibus is not over 3.5 tonnes (or 4.25 tonnes if the vehicle has a passenger lift and is capable of carrying people with disabilities).
- e) No trailer is towed.

As a organisation that hires out minibuses under the *Small Bus Permit* legislation, **MILTON COMMUNITY MINIBUS** is considered to be a non-commercial body. Before driving the **MILTON COMMUNITY MINIBUS** you should determine whether or not the intended use of the minibus is “for social purposes”, and whether or not you will be acting on a voluntary basis.

“A voluntary basis” is not defined in law, but existing guidance suggests that the acid test is whether you could refuse to drive and not suffer any penalty. For example, you might have a contract of employment in which you are obliged to undertake “any other duties as required”, and this might be interpreted as including driving a minibus.

DECLARATION BY DRIVER

I have read and understood the above information, and confirm that I will be driving **Milton Community** minibus solely for social purposes and in my capacity as a volunteer driver.

NAME: (print) _____ GROUP: _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____