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Free DGSA Study Resources: 10 for Syllabus, Papers and ADR Text (2026)

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Free DGSA study resources all start from one question: which country's exam are you sitting? The syllabus, the papers and the national law all follow from it, and most free material online is written for the UK exam.

Each entry below says what the resource is for, how current it is and what it leaves out. A study aid prepares you for the exam; only passing it qualifies you.

EXHIBIT 1

How the resources compare

Resource	Country or exam	Role	Edition or date	Access	Format	Primary or supplementary
Vektor ADR reference library	Any, ADR road	Reference aid	Dated on each page	Free, CC BY 4.0	Web pages, datasets	Supplementary
DVSA DGSA syllabus	UK, all components	Exam body, syllabus	Updated 2 Jun 2026	Free, OGL v3.0	Web page	Primary
DVSA sample papers	UK, core, all classes, road	Exam body, practice	Road 25 Sep 2025	Free	PDF	Primary
DVSA answer guide	UK, core, all classes, road	Exam body, marking guidance	Updated 2 Jun 2026	Free	Web page	Primary
DVSA booking page	UK, all components	Exam body, dates and fees	Updated 11 Sep 2026	Free page, £135 per exam	Web page	Primary
DfT DGSA guidance	UK	Regulator guidance	Updated 15 Jan 2026	Free	Web page	Primary
UNECE ADR 2025 files	Road, UK and Ireland	Regulation text	ADR 2025, published 2 January 2025	Free	PDF, English, French, Russian	Primary
OTIF RID 2025	Rail, or core text of choice	Regulation text	From 1 Jan 2025	Free	PDF, 1,118 pages	Primary

Resource	Country or exam	Role	Edition or date	Access	Format	Primary or supplementary
CDG 2009	UK	National law	Revised, no outstanding effects	Free	Web, legislation.gov.uk	Primary
CILT Ireland DGSA	Ireland, road and rail	Exam body	2026 and 2027 sittings listed	Free page, €195 per road paper	Web page, PDFs	Primary

EXHIBIT 2

Where to start

Your situation	Where to look
I want a plain explanation of an ADR term, class or table before I find it in the text	Vektor ADR reference library (entry 1)
What does the UK exam cover now?	DVSA syllabus (entry 2), updated 2 June 2026
What does a real paper look like?	DVSA sample papers (entry 3); in Ireland, CILT (entry 10)
How do I write an answer that scores?	DVSA's answer guide (entry 4)
When can I sit, and by when must I apply?	DVSA booking page (entry 5) or CILT (entry 10)
Which text do I take into the exam?	ADR (entry 7), RID (entry 8) and CDG 2009 (entry 9)

Sources

Vektor Group, ADR reference library <https://vektorgroup.eu/resources>

DVSA, Dangerous goods safety adviser exam syllabus <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dangerous-goods-safety-adviser-exams/dangerous-goods-safety-adviser-exam-syllabus>

DVSA, Dangerous goods safety adviser exams (collection and sample papers) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dangerous-goods-safety-adviser-exams>

DVSA, How to answer dangerous goods safety adviser exam questions <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dangerous-goods-safety-adviser-exams/how-to-answer-dangerous-goods-safety-adviser-exam-questions>

DVSA, Book a dangerous goods safety adviser exam <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/book-a-dangerous-goods-safety-adviser-exam>

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UNECE, ADR 2025 files <https://unece.org/adr-2025-files>

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legislation.gov.uk, CDG 2009 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/1348/contents>

GOV.UK, Approved derogations, transitional provisions and exceptions <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-carriage-of-dangerous-goods-approved-derogations-and-transitional-provisions/carriage-of-dangerous-goods-approved-derogations-and-transitional-provisions>

CILT Ireland, DGSA certificate <https://www.cilt.ie/our-exams/dgsa-dangerous-goods-safety-advisers-certificate>

Qualifications Scotland, DGSA and DGDT notice <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/1571.html>

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