

RoSPA Advanced Drivers West Midland Group Web Membership Application



Please complete the relevant details, sign and date the form and return with the appropriate fee to:-
Membership Secretary, Marg Forster 5, Pinewood Avenue, Wood End, Atherstone, Warwickshire,
CV9 2RS Cheques should be made payable to:- **RoSPA Advanced Drivers WMG**
Subject to approval I wish to become a *(Full Member/Associate Member/Friend) of RoSPA Advanced Drivers
WMG. **(Your local group)** I understand the subscriptions to the Group are due annually and that it does not
include the
annual membership fee to RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders. **(The National Association of RoSPA)**

Title Name

Address

..... Post Code

Telephone Occupation

E-mail Address..... Date of Birth

Please give details of any additional driver training. If you have passed the RoADAR Test within the last 3 years please supply your RoADAR No., date of last test and Grade achieved.

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If you hold a Gold or Silver grade would you be prepared to become a
Trainer? *Yes/No

* **Please delete those that are not applicable.**

What make of car do you normally drive engine size
*petrol/diesel - *manual/automatic - *dual controls - *specially adapted controls

The details entered on this form will not be available to anyone outside RoSPA WMG. They will be held on computer and used by the Group officials for administrative purposes only. If you wish to see the details that are held on the computer please contact the Membership Secretary.

I have read the Driver Guidance guide-lines below and accept the conditions

Signature.....Date.....

Membership Status and appropriate joining fee:

Full Member - Those who have taken the RoSPA Test within the last 3 years and achieved a grade.
Fee: £22.00

Associate Member - Those who have not taken the RoSPA Test, or, those who have taken the RoSPA Test but have not retested within the last 3 years, consequently reverting to Associate status. **Fee: £45.00 including The Police drivers handbook Roadcraft**

Friend - Those who wish to support the Group, receive the monthly Newsletter but do not want Driver training or wish to take the RoSPA Test. **Fee: £10.00**

Driver Guidance guide-lines

All applicants are subject to approval. New members who have not taken a RoSPA test join as Associates. Before your training can begin you must come along to a Group Meet, so that your driving can be assessed by a tutor in the group. This helps us match you to the correct tutor. Following the first meet and your assessment drive, the DGO will contact you when a Tutor becomes available. It is then your responsibility to contact the Tutor whose phone number you are given. A tutor in the same area as the Associate is the ideal.

However as we all know, very little in this world is ever ideal. A lack of tutors means an Associate may have to wait to be assigned a tutor or may be asked to travel, for example from Sparkhill to Redditch, or Coventry to Bromsgrove. This is a driving group and so this should not be a problem. Use the journey to prepare for the lesson!

You may continue training with the monthly training drives while waiting for your personal tutor to be assigned. Once you have a tutor he or she will try to accommodate your working hours, however most observers have full-time jobs, and you will probably find they offer weekends as being their only free time. In the summer it may be possible to go out in the evenings.

Remember tutors are voluntary and unpaid. **Be considerate**, especially if you have to cancel a drive. Give as much notice as possible. It is your responsibility to maintain contact with your tutor. If you make no contact for 6 weeks, the DGO is likely to have assigned him/her another Associate. If this happens you will probably have to wait to be assigned a new tutor. Unless by prior arrangement, please try not to telephone tutors after 9pm. If you and your tutor cannot realistically get together regularly (a minimum of once a month) then go back to the DGO. If either Associate or trainer has a problem that cannot be resolved amicably, please go back to the DGO for reassignment. There may well be a wait for a different tutor but the monthly championship drives are there to cover this eventuality. When your tutor thinks you are ready for the test you may be offered a **free** mock test; which will be conducted by one of our diploma holders.

If you are successful on your RoSPA test the examiner will award you a grade either Bronze, Silver, or Gold, according to the quality of your driving. Gold and Silver grade are achievable, but you must not consider it a failure if you do not achieve it on your first attempt. Bronze grade is still considered a good advanced driving standard.

When you have taken a test and been graded you should continue to work on your driving there is always room for improvement. Your test grade is valid for 3 years. You may want to take a retest before the 3 year period, but give your driving time to mature. Then you can be assigned another tutor. It's a good idea to come to the Group Meets and get regular monthly training with different tutors.

Full members coming up for retest should contact the DGO as early as possible for refresher drives. Even better, come to the Group Meets and get a guaranteed observed drive every month. Once you achieve a Gold or Silver consider becoming an Approved Tutor, help others and put something back into the Group.

If you have a query, contact one of the Committee. We cannot help if we do not know there is a problem.