Road Test Appointment Checklist

Are You Ready?

Completing driver training and your practice hours does not automatically mean you are ready for your road test. Before scheduling your test, take time to honestly evaluate your skills and readiness.

Review each item below with your parent or guardian. Both of you should feel confident that you can consistently demonstrate these skills without assistance before scheduling your road test.

TIP: A good measure of road test readiness is whether your accompanying driver can remain quiet for an entire drive because you consistently make safe decisions without reminders. If you still require coaching or corrections, additional practice is recommended before scheduling your test.

Skills Checklist

- □ Before driving, I can locate and properly use all vehicle controls, including headlights, high beams, turn signals, windshield wipers and washers, hazard lights, defrosters, and the horn.
- □ I understand the meaning of all common road signs, traffic signals, pavement markings, and lane-use controls.
- □ I can consistently identify and respond appropriately to different types of intersections, including intersections controlled by stop or yield signs, uncontrolled intersections, roundabouts, and intersections controlled by traffic lights.
- □ I can drive without relying on instructions from my accompanying driver about right-of-way, lane selection, traffic control devices, or safe decision-making.
- □ I use proper observation skills by regularly checking mirrors, scanning intersections, looking well ahead, and monitoring surrounding traffic.
- □ I can identify hazards well in advance and make appropriate decisions to reduce risk.
- □ I check my blind spots whenever necessary for safe lane changes, merging, turning, or backing.
- □ I can make smooth and safe lane changes at both low and high speeds in light, moderate, and heavy traffic.
- □ I maintain a safe following distance and adjust my space cushion based on traffic, weather, and road conditions.
- □ I can safely adjust my speed for changing conditions, including pedestrians, school zones, construction zones, reduced visibility, poor weather, and emergency vehicles.

- □ I am comfortable driving on residential streets, city roads, rural roads, and freeways at appropriate speeds.
- □ I can keep pace with traffic without exceeding posted speed limits.
- □ I am confident driving in a variety of weather and roadway conditions.
- □ I am confident driving in low-light conditions, such as night-time driving.
- □ I can skillfully perform maneuvers, such as:
    - Parallel parking
    - Three-point (Y) turns
    - Straight-line backing
    - Parking near a curb
    - Entering and exiting parking spaces
- □ I can safely back out of parking spaces and navigate parking lots while watching for vehicles and pedestrians.
- □ I can drive without becoming distracted by passengers, cell phones, music, or other distractions.
- □ I understand vehicle safety technology, how it works, and its limitations.
- □ I have accumulated sufficient supervised driving practice and feel comfortable driving in a wide variety of traffic situations.
- □ My parent/guardian agrees that I am ready to take the road test.
- □ I have discussed my progress with those who have helped me learn to drive, and they also believe I am prepared for the road test.