**ON ROAD DRIVING TEST**

**Turns**

As You Approach the Turn:

* Check traffic in all directions.
* Turn signal on.
* Decelerate/slow down, change gears as needed to keep vehicle under power.
* Do not coast with vehicle in neutral or clutch depressed for more than one vehicle length.
* Be in the correct lane for the turn.

If Stopping Before Turn:

* Necessary, was the stop necessary? Example: stopping on a green light.
* Smooth stop, no skidding, and smooth easy braking.
* Stop line, stop behind the stop line, crosswalk, or stop sign.
* Gap, (safe gap) is where you can see the rear tires on the ground of the vehicle ahead of you.
* Full Stop, keeps foot on the brake, do not ride the clutch or have vehicle in neutral.
* Roll back or forward, do not allow the vehicle to roll in any direction.
* Wheels straight, keep the front wheels aimed straight ahead.

Turning:

* Traffic check in all directions before executing the turn.
* Both hands on the wheel, no palming or one-handed steering
* Gears, no shifting unless necessary or when the vehicles steering wheels are straight.
* Speed, not too fast, as to where the vehicle pushes you around the turn with too much lateral motion or too slow, not to impede other traffic.
* Yield to other traffic, pedestrians etc.
* Mirrors, monitor trailer/vehicle completely around turn until straight.

Completion of Turn:

* Traffic check, check mirrors after the turn.
* Correct lane, you must complete the turn left-into-left and right-into-right lanes.
* Finish right lane, after a left-to-left turn you must work your way into the right lane.
* Signal off
* Accelerate and get up to speed of traffic.

**Intersections:**

Approach:

* Traffic check, check traffic thoroughly on all directions.
* Decelerate gently
* Coast, take foot off of accelerator and cover the brake on a stale green light or when there is a potential hazard on a non-controlled intersection.
* Correct lane

Stopping at an Intersection:

* Necessary, was the stop necessary, timing of traffic lights.
* Smooth, was the stop a smooth stop no skidding.
* Gap
* Stop Line
* Full stop, foot on the brake, not riding clutch or in neutral.
* Rolling, not rolling in either direction.

Driving Through an Intersection

* Traffic check
* Both hands on the wheel
* Gears, no shifting unless necessary
* Yield to any pedestrians and traffic in intersection.
* Lane, do not change lanes while proceeding through intersection.
* Outage, make sure your vehicle can clear the whole intersection.

Completion, Once Through the Intersection:

* Traffic check, continue checking traffic and mirrors.
* Correct lane
* Accelerate smoothly and change gears as necessary.

**Lane Changes**

* Traffic checks before, during and after the lane change
* Signal on
* Spacing, not tailgating when and after a lane change
* Smooth change, a controlled drift
* Cancel signal

**Urban and Rural Highways**

* Regular traffic checks
* Checks cross traffic
* Proper lane, right most lane.
* Keeps vehicle centered in lane
* Speed, keep up of with the flow of traffic but do not exceed speed limit.
* Following distance, one second for every 10 foot of vehicle length.

**Expressway**

Merge On:

* Traffic check
* Signal
* Spacing, do not tailgate while merging on expressway
* Merge smoothly into the proper lane of traffic.
* No stopping on ramp, adjust speed to blend with traffic.

Expressway Driving:

* Traffic checks, continually checks traffic in all directions.
* Lane, maintain proper lane positioning, right or center lane.
* Speed, maintain speed limit.
* Following distance, 1 second for every 10 foot of vehicle length, 1 more second for speeds over 40 mph and 1 more second for adverse weather.

Exit:

* Traffic checks
* Signal
* Spacing, adequate spacing between you and other vehicles.
* Merge smoothly onto exit ramp.
* Decelerate in exit lane if one is provided. Do not go under minimum speed of 40 mph while still on interstate.
* Ramp speed, Decelerate on ramp do not exceed ramp speed.

**Curves**

* Traffic check, when approaching a curve check traffic thoroughly.
* Speed, before entering the curve, reduce speed so further braking or shifting is not required.
* Keep vehicle in lane, do not cross over lane lines.
* Traffic checks, continue checking traffic in all directions.

**Road Side Stop**

Approach

* Traffic check
* Signal on
* Correct lane
* Decelerate smoothly and brake evenly.
* Coast, bring your vehicle to a full stop without coasting.

Stop

* Parallel to the curb or shoulder of the road, safely out of the flow of traffic.
* Not blocking driveways, fire hydrants, intersections, signs etc.
* Do not allow vehicle to roll.
* Cancel turn signal and activate 4-way flashers.
* Apply the parking brake
* Move shifter into neutral or park
* Remove your feet from the brake and clutch.

Resume

* Traffic check, check traffic and mirrors thoroughly in all directions.
* Turn off 4-way flashers
* Activate turn signal
* Do not stall engine
* Do not roll forwards or backwards while waiting to pull out.
* Release parking brake.
* Check traffic from all directions, especially to the rear.
* Pull out when it is safe to do so.
* Accelerate smoothly and into the proper lane.
* Cancel turn signal.

**Signs:**

Check for signs, especially signs that apply to a commercial vehicle.

**General Driving Behaviors:**

* Used clutch properly, doubled-clutched, did not ride the clutch, synchronized clutch and shifter.
* Used gears properly, did not over rev or lug engine, did not clash gears.
* Used brakes properly, smooth braking no riding or pumping.
* Proper steering, both hands on wheel, no over/under control of vehicle.
* Proper lane usage, used correct lanes, not over lane lines stop lines etc.
* Used regular traffic checks
* Proper use of turn signals.

**Railroad Crossing Placarded for Hazardous Materials or Passengers**

**Approach:**

* Look and listen for the presence of trains
* Check traffic in all directions
* Activate 4-way flashers
* Decelerate, brake smoothly, and shift gears as necessary

**Stopping:**

* Stop no closer than 15 feet or any further than 50 feet to the nearest rail.
* Come to a full stop
* Open the window to listen for an approaching train
* Look and listen for the presence of trains
* Check traffic in all directions

**Crossing:**

* Do not stop, change gears, or change lanes with any part of the vehicle is proceeding across the tracks
* Look and listen for the presence of trains
* Check traffic in all directions
* “Outage” Must be able to get the entire vehicle across the tracks without stopping

**Completion:**

* Four-way flashers should be deactivated after the vehicle crosses the tracks.
* Check traffic in all directions.
* Correct lane should be the right most curb lane
* Driver accelerates and gets vehicle across the tracks.

**ROADSIDE STOP PROCEDURES**

1. Activate directional signals
2. Traffic Check
3. Park parallel to curb in a safe location, not blocking traffic
4. Activate 4 way flashers
5. Set Air parking brake and place vehicle into natural or park
6. Emergency pull-overs require reflective triangle to be set out after 10 minutes
7. Returning to roadway
8. Cancel 4 way flashers
9. Activate directional signal
10. Shift into proper gear
11. Check mirrors before proceeding back on the roadway