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Test Ready Pack

Everything you need to walk into your practical driving test calm, prepared and confident.



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Based on the Highway Code and DVSA guidance

Your test, explained

Read this pack a little at a time, then use it the week before your test. Print the checklist on the last page and tick it off the night before.

40	20	15	0
minutes of driving, roughly	minutes of independent driving	driving faults maximum to pass	serious or dangerous faults allowed

What happens on the day

1. **Eyesight check.** Read a number plate from about 20 metres away.
2. **One "tell me" question** before you start driving (see pages 3 to 4).
3. **General driving** on different roads, following the examiner's directions.
4. **Independent driving:** about 20 minutes following a sat nav or road signs.
5. **One manoeuvre:** parallel park, park in a bay (forwards or reverse), or pull up on the right and reverse.
6. **One "show me" question** while you're driving.
7. You may be asked to do an **emergency stop**.

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💡 **How faults work:** a driving fault is a minor mistake. A serious fault could have been dangerous. A dangerous fault involved actual danger. One serious or dangerous fault means a fail, so focus on safety first.

"Show me" questions

You'll be asked one of these **while driving**. Do it calmly and safely: keep your eyes on the road and don't let the car wander. Practise each one in the tuition car so you know where every switch is.

1. **When it's safe, show me how you wash and clean the rear windscreen.**
   Use the rear wiper and washer control, usually by pushing the wiper stalk away from you. Only look down briefly.

2. **When it's safe, show me how you wash and clean the front windscreen.**
   Pull the wiper stalk towards you to spray and wipe. Keep both eyes on the road.

3. **When it's safe, show me how you'd switch on your dipped headlights.**
   Turn the light switch to the headlight position. Check the green dashboard light comes on.

4. **When it's safe, show me how you'd set the rear demister.**
   Press the rear heated-screen button (rectangle with wavy arrows). Its light comes on.

5. **When it's safe, show me how you'd operate the horn.**
   Press the centre of the steering wheel briefly. Only do this when it's safe and won't alarm anyone.

6. **When it's safe, show me how you'd demist the front windscreen.**
   Set the fan to the windscreen symbol, turn the fan up and switch on air conditioning if fitted.

7. **When it's safe, show me how you'd open and close the side window.**
   Use the window switch on your door. Glance at the window only briefly.

💡 **The words "when it's safe" matter.** If a junction or hazard is coming, wait until you're on a clear stretch of road. Swerving or missing a hazard while doing the task is what fails people, not the switch.