

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MUST READ INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRIVING TEST

Driving test centres which conduct Private Hire / Hackney Carriage and Wheelchair tests assessments are shown on the reverse side of the postal application form (TPH 26).

Remember, it is important to **book your test early**, the more flexible you can be in selecting a driving test centre where you wish to take your test, the earlier we may be able to book you an appointment. Secure an appointment even before your police check or your medical.

Providing you give us 3 clear working days notice you can:

- Move or change your appointment
- Cancel your appointment
- Have a full refund of test fee

AT THE DRIVING TEST CENTRE

You must bring the following items to your assessment test. If you do not, your assessment test may not be conducted and you may **lose your fee.**

- An appropriately insured and taxed / licensed vehicle suitable for the test
- Your appointment letter
- You must bring a **valid, signed** GB or Northern Ireland driving licence
- **You must bring a valid passport or a new style photo licence.** The passport does not have to be a UK passport but it must be a valid passport.

REMEMBER

NO LICENCE - NO PHOTO

NO ASSESSMENT TEST

YOU WILL LOSE YOUR FEE!

DURING YOUR DRIVING TEST - WHAT THE EXAMINER LOOKS FOR:

PLEASE READ THE "ASSESSMENT EXPLAINED" INFORMATION SHEET CONTAINED IN THIS PACK

To pass you are permitted to accumulate up to 9 driving faults, if you accumulate **ten** or more driving faults you will fail. Any serious or dangerous fault will be immediately recorded as a failure; the test will still continue finally returning to the driving test centre. The taxi assessment test is reflective of modern driving practices, the standard is set at a level suitable for full driving licence holders, it is important that you do not adjust your driving to what you may feel the examiner would expect to see, do not drive in an unnatural manner.

- You **may** be asked to do an emergency stop; you will need to demonstrate that you can stop as in an emergency, promptly and under control (avoid skidding).
- You will be asked to carry out two manoeuvres one of which will be your own choice, in both cases you will be expected to demonstrate your ability to manoeuvre your vehicle under control and with good all round effective observations, giving consideration to other road users and pedestrians.
- You will be asked on a number of occasions to pull up on the left at a safe and convenient place, as if a fare is either going to get in or out of your vehicle. Avoid parking next to lampposts and trees - this could be potentially hazardous for your passenger.
- Whenever you have been stationary at the side of the road, remember your important safety check - check your blind spot (look over your right shoulder) before pulling away.
- You need to use all your mirrors effectively (interior and exterior) and at the appropriate times, you should demonstrate that you are aware of what is happening around your vehicle at all times.
- You need to signal correctly and in good time to let other road users know your intention - other road users need to see and understand what you plan to do.
- You will be expected to understand and comply with traffic signs and road markings, as they are there to help you anticipate and plan your journey. You will also need to see and react to signals given by the police, traffic wardens etc. and signals given by other road users.
- You must be able to demonstrate your ability to make progress when the speed signs and the road and traffic conditions dictate it is safe to do so. Equally it is important to demonstrate that you recognise and comply when in a lower speed limit areas.
- Watch your separation distance from the vehicle in front and also your separation distance from parked cars.
- Use sound judgement and planning when overtaking, meeting oncoming vehicles and when turning right in front of oncoming traffic. At no time be in a situation where you cause another vehicle to brake or swerve to avoid you.
- Demonstrate that you are aware of other road users at all times, plan ahead predict how the actions of others will affect your driving and react in good time. Be aware of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists etc. act in good time, rather than at the last moment.

It is important that you read the Highway Code and be familiar with your vehicle. It is strongly advisable to consider taking professional instruction prior to taking the test.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES

- You should demonstrate your ability to securely erect the wheelchair ramps (whatever style of ramp is fitted to your vehicle)
- Safely install the wheelchair in your vehicle, backing the chair to the fold down seats, then securing both wheelchair brakes
- Secure seat belts/safety harness and also secure wheel belts/clamps if fitted to your vehicle
- Having satisfied yourself that the wheelchair is secure is if to start a journey, the reverse the entire procedure.
- You will be asked a few questions on the Highway Code, some general cabology questions and asked to identify a few traffic signs. This may include such questions as the length, width or height, tyre pressures, what to do if you found an item of lost property in your cab etc.

It is important that you can demonstrate all the principles of safety and security - if seat belts, wheel belts or wheel clamps etc. are fitted then they should be in good working order and applied whatever style of wheelchair accessible vehicle you bring on test.