



CLASS D SKILLS TEST GUIDE

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■ TURNS

Approach:

Traffic Checks Check traffic ahead, left, right and to the rear before reaching the corner. Look toward or make eye contact with other drivers or pedestrians.

Signal Activate turn signal at least 100' before the corner. Signaling too early or too late may confuse other drivers.

Speed Reduce speed and apply brakes smoothly.

Lane Use designated lane for turn. Right turn-be as close as practical to curb/edge of roadway. Left turn-be as close as practical to the left edge of the turning lane.

Unnecessary Stop or Hesitates Proceed through turn unless required to stop or because of other vehicles. Do not hesitate unnecessarily.

Stop:

Gap Leave enough room to see the rear bumper of the vehicle in front or room to go around if other vehicle stalls. Defensive driving means keeping a safe zone around you.

Stop Line Always stop before a painted stop line. If no painted stop line, stop *before* the crosswalk. Pedestrians have the right-of-way.

Wheels Straight When turning left, keep wheels straight until you start the turn. When wheels are turned, you may be pushed into oncoming traffic, if hit from behind.

Turn/Complete:

Traffic Check Check traffic ahead, left and right thoroughly before starting and completing the turn.

Gears Shift gears before the turn, not during the turn.

Speed Accelerate at a safe speed through the turn.

Lane Enter and complete turn in the correct lane. Maintain proper position in lane. Do not turn so wide or short that it interferes with other lanes of traffic. Check the Motorist Handbook for turning at multiple lane streets.

■ INTERSECTIONS

Stopped Intersection:

Traffic Check Check traffic both ways and to the rear before you reach the corner.

Speed/Lane Reduce speed and apply brakes smoothly when approaching a stopped intersection. Keep vehicle centered in proper lane.

Gap/Stop Line See TURNS/Stop/Gap/Stop Line

Driving through:

Traffic Check Check traffic both ways before driving through the intersection. Yield to traffic on your right at an uncontrolled intersection.

Speed/Lane At an uncontrolled intersection, slow down and be ready to stop if traffic does not yield to you. Keep vehicle centered in lane.

Unnecessary Stop See Turn/Approach/Unnecessary Stop/Hesitates

NOTE: If A Driver Does Not Look And Slow Down At An Uncontrolled Intersection, It Is An Immediate Disqualification.

■ BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL

Traffic Check Check the rearview mirror about every 6 to 8 seconds to have an overall knowledge of the traffic pattern.

Speed/Lane Maintain speed for existing traffic, weather or road conditions without exceeding the posted speed limits. Keep vehicle centered in proper lane.

Close to Vehicle or Object Leave a safe space to front and side.

■ LANE CHANGE

Traffic Check Check traffic to left, right and the rear before changing lanes. Check the "blind spot" by looking over your shoulder.

Signal Turn your signal on to alert other drivers of your intention to change direction.

Speed/Control Lane change should be done smoothly, without impeding traffic or exceeding the posted speed limit.

Spacing Leave a safe space to front and rear of vehicle. Do not change lanes in an intersection.



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■ Y-TURN

Approach:

Traffic Check Glance to the rear and check over the right shoulder when pulling to the curb.

Signal Turn on the right turn signal to alert other drivers you are moving right.

Performance:

Traffic Check Check over your left shoulder before leaving the curb. Once across the street, check both up and down the street before starting the backing part of the Y-turn. While backing, look back over your right shoulder.

Signal Turn on left turn signal to alert other drivers you are leaving the curb.

Speed/Control Back no more than once and no faster than a slow walk

Resume:

Traffic Check Check left and to the right before moving forward in traffic lane.

Speed/Lane Accelerate smoothly at a safe speed when pulling into traffic lane. Vehicle should be in proper lane and not over center line.

■ ROADSIDE STOP and START (HILL PARK)

Approach:

Traffic Check See Y-TURN/Approach/Traffic Check.

Signal See Y-TURN/Approach/Signal.

Speed/Lane/Control Decrease speed when pulling next to curb. Stop vehicle parallel and within 1 foot of the curb.

Performance:

Control Set emergency brake. Check the Motorist's Handbook for proper direction to turn the wheel when parking on a hill.

Resume:

Traffic Check Check the "blind spot" over your left shoulder before pulling back into traffic.

Signal Turn on left turn signal to alert other drivers you are leaving the curb.

Speed/Lane See Y-TURN/Resume/Speed/Lane

■ PARKING SKILLS

Parking skills will be evaluated while parking at the DMV Service Center.

Please refer to the Parking Lot Section for additional guidance

Performance:

Traffic Check Scan sidewalk area and behind vehicle, when backing, look back over your right shoulder.

Control/Spacing A legally parked vehicle should be no more than 1 foot from the curb or 2 feet from the vehicle in front and back.

Resume:

Traffic Check See HILL PARK/Resume/Traffic Check.

Signal See HILL PARK/Resume Signal

Speed Lane See Y-TURN/Resume/Speed Lane

■ BACKING

Approach:

Traffic Check See Y-TURN/Approach/Traffic Check
Signal See Y-TURN/Approach/Signal Performance:

Control Back in a straight path and no faster than a slow walk. While backing, look back over your right shoulder.

Resume:

Traffic Check See Y-TURN/Resume/Traffic Check
Speed/Lane See Y-TURN/Resume/Speed/Lane

■ PARKING LOT

Traffic Check Check traffic when exiting and entering the lot. Watch for vehicles and pedestrians when driving in the parking lot.

Speed Drive at a slow rate of speed

Right of Way Yield right of way to pedestrians.

Knowledge of Vehicle Know where the controls are and how they work.

■ DISQUALIFICATIONS

Law Violation

- Disobeys sign/signal
- Speed
- 1 turn from or 2 turns into improper lane

Dangerous Act

- Evasive Action/right of way
- Examiner Warning/control
- Uncontrolled Intersection

Accident

- Demonstrates inordinate lack of skill, ability or knowledge



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