

SCHEDULE 8

SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICAL OR UNITARY TEST

PART 4

PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES D AND D + E

(1) Test candidates must satisfy the examiner as to their ability to—

(i) carry out properly the activities, and

(ii) perform competently, without danger to and with due consideration for other road users, the manoeuvres

prescribed in paragraph (2), (3) or (4), as the case may be, in all respects in accordance with this Schedule.

(2) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles of a class included in category D or D + E or any sub-category thereof, the manoeuvres and activities mentioned in sections A to C and F below are prescribed.

(3) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles of a class included in category D or D + E or in sub-category D1 + E, the manoeuvres and activities mentioned in section D are also prescribed.

(4) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles of a class included in category D + E or sub-category D1 + E, the activity mentioned in section E is prescribed.

A. Preparation to drive

1. Adjust the seat as necessary to obtain a correct seating position.
2. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
3. Check that the doors are closed.

B. Technical control of the vehicle

1. Start the engine and move off smoothly (uphill and downhill as well as on the flat).
2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course, including during gear-changes.
3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions, possibly in restricted spaces while maintaining control of the vehicle.
4. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by performing an emergency stop.
5. Either—
 - (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres—
 - (i) reverse in a straight line and reverse right or left round a corner while keeping within the correct traffic lane;
 - (ii) turn the vehicle to face the opposite way, using forward and reverse gears;
 - (iii) park the vehicle and leave a parking space (parallel, oblique or right-angle) both forwards and in reverse, on the flat, uphill and downhill; or
 - (b) (in the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category D + E only) reverse in an S-shaped curve.

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C. Behaviour in traffic

1. Observe (including the use of the rear view mirrors) road alignment, markings, signs and potential or actual risks.
2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the police and traffic controllers.
5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting speed to traffic conditions and the line of the road.
7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
8. Change lanes.
9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
10. Approach and cross junctions.
11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the carriageway.
12. Where the opportunity arises—
 - (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in confined spaces.
 - (b) Overtake in various situations.
 - (c) Approach and cross level-crossings.

D. Larger vehicles: speed reduction and steering

1. Check the power-assisted braking and steering systems.
2. Use the various braking systems.
3. Use the speed reduction systems other than the brakes.
4. Adjust course to allow for the length of the vehicle and its overhang.

E. Trailers

Uncouple and re-couple trailer or semi-trailer from and to the tractor vehicle.

F. Vehicle safety

Show awareness of vehicle safety measures and be able to operate vehicle safety systems.