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## ROAD TRAFFIC

## The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999

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THE MOTOR VEHICLES (DRIVING
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1. B. The driver
2. Perception, judgement and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes...
3. C. The road
4. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions, in particular...
5. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory...
6. D. Other road users
7. Risks involved in the movement and driving of various types...
8. E. General rules and regulations and other matters
9. General rules specifying how the driver must behave in the...
10. Safety factors relating to persons carried, including balancing with a...
11. F. Road and Vehicle safety
12. Vehicle safety equipment including, in particular, the use of crash...
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PART 2 - CATEGORY B
A. Road traffic regultion

1. B. The driver
2. Perception, judgement and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes...
3. C. The road
4. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions, in particular...
5. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory...
6. D. Other road users
7. Risks involved in the movement and driving of various types...
8. E. General rules and regulations and other matters
9. General rules specifying how the driver must behave in the...
10. Safety factors relating to persons carried.
11. F. Road and Vehicle safety
12. Vehicle safety equipment including, in particular, the use of seat-belts...
G. Environmental matters

PART 3 - CATEGORY C
A. Road traffic regulation

1. B. The driver
2. Perception, judgement and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes...
3. C. The road
4. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions as they...
5. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory...
6. Precautions to be taken when overtaking because of the danger...
7. D. Other road users
8. Risks involved in the movement and driving of various types...
9. Obstruction of the field of view of the driver and...
10. E. General rules and regulations and other matters
11. General rules specifying how the driver must behave in the...
12. Rules on vehicle weights and dimensions.
13. Rules on driving hours, rest periods and the use of...
14. F. Road and vehicle safety
15. Vehicle safety equipment.
16. Principles of braking systems and speed governors.
17. Precautions when alighting from the vehicle.
18. Safety factors relating to vehicle loading.
G. Environmental matters

PART 4 - CATEGORY D
A. Road traffic regulation

1. B. The driver
2. Perception, judgement and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes...
3. C. The road
4. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions as they...
5. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory...
6. Precautions to be taken when overtaking because of the danger...
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11. General rules specifying how the driver must behave in the...
12. Rules or vehicle weights and dimensions.
13. Rules on driving hours, rest periods and the use of...
14. Rules concerning persons carried.
15. F. Road and vehicle safety
16. Vehicle safety equipment.
17. Principles of braking systems and speed governors.
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2. Adjust crash helmet.
3. C. Technical control of the vehicle
4. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
5. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
6. Lean over to turn.
7. Keep balance at various speeds.
8. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
9. Park the vehicle on its stand.
10. Remove motor bicycle from its stand and move it, without...
11. Cause the vehicle to face in the opposite direction by...
12. D. Behaviour in traffic
13. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
14. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
15. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
16. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
17. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...
18. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
19. Change lanes.
20. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
21. Approach and cross junctions.
22. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the...
23. Where the opportunity arises- (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in...
E. Alighting from vehicle

PART 2 - PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES B AND B+E

1. Each test candidate must, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3),...
2. Any requirement contained in those paragraphs shall, in the case...
3. A test candidate undertaking a test for a licence authorising...
A. Eyesight
4. B. Preparation to drive
5. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
6. Check that the doors are closed.
7. C. Technical control of the vehicle
8. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
9. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
10. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
11. Either- (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres-
12. D. Behaviour in traffic
13. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
14. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
15. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
16. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
17. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...
18. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
19. Change lanes.
20. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
21. Approach and cross junctions.
22. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the...
23. Where the opportunity arises- (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in... E. Alighting from vehicle

## F. Trailer

PART 3 - PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES C AND C+E

1. Each test candidate must satisfy the person conducting the test...
2. In the case of candidates taking a test for a...
3. In the case of candidates taking a test for a...
4. In the case of candidates taking a test for a...
5. A. Preparation to drive
6. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
7. Check that the doors are closed.
8. B. Technical control of the vehicle
9. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
10. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
11. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
12. Either- (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres-
13. C. Behaviour in traffic
14. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
15. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
16. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
17. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
18. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...
19. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
20. Change lanes.
21. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
22. Approach and cross junctions.
23. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the..
24. Where the opportunity arises- (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in...
25. D. Larger vehicles: speed reduction and steering
26. Use the various braking systems.
27. Use the speed reduction systems other than the brakes.
28. Adjust course to allow for the length of the vehicle...
E. Trailers
F. Vehicle safety

PART 4 - PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES D AND D+E

1. Each test candidate must satisfy the person conducting the test...
2. In the case of candidates taking a test for a...
3. In the case of candidates taking a test for a...
4. In the case of candidates taking a test for a...
5. A. Preparation to drive
6. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
7. Check that the doors are closed.
8. B. Technical control of the vehicle
9. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
10. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
11. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
12. Either- (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres-
13. C. Behaviour in traffic
14. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
15. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
16. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
17. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
18. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...
19. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
20. Change lanes.
21. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
22. Approach and cross junctions.
23. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the...
24. Where the opportunity arises- (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in...
25. D. Larger vehicles: speed reduction and steering
26. Use the various braking systems.
27. Use the speed reduction systems other than the brakes.
28. Adjust course to allow for the length of the vehicle...
E. Trailers
F. Vehicle safety

PART 5 - UNITARY TEST: CATEGORIES F, G, H AND K

1. Read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses...
2. Start the engine of the vehicle.
3. Move away straight ahead or at an angle.
4. Overtake, meet or cross the path of other vehicles and...
5. Turn right-hand and left-hand corners correctly.
6. Stop the vehicle in an emergency and normally and, in..

PART 6 - UNITARY TEST: CATEGORIES F AND G

1. Carry out manoeuvres involving the use of reverse gear (except...
2. Indicate intended actions at appropriate times by giving appropriate signals...
3. Act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic...

PART 7 - UNITARY TEST: CATEGORY H

1. Indicate intended actions at appropriate times by giving appropriate signals...
2. Act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic...
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(C) Practical on site riding
3. (D) Practical on road training
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5. Trainees must be aware of:- the effect on a vehicle...
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