

THE DRIVING TEST ASSESSES YOUR PERFORMANCE IN FIVE AREAS

Speed Management

Create and maintain appropriate space to the front
Slow when vision is limited
Slow when side-space is reduced

Test yourself by checking you aren't braking too hard at the last minute

Road Positioning

Managing space to the sides on multi-lane roads
Lane positioning, lane choice
Buffering from moving and stationary vehicles and other obstacles

Test yourself by checking you feel confident (not lucky) when turning across traffic and changing lanes

Test yourself by checking you can drive without hitting lane reflectors

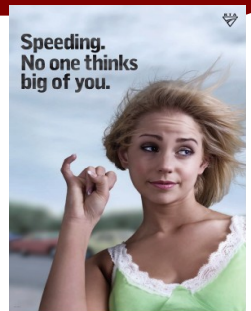
Decision Making

Selecting safe gaps
Applying the road rules
Using good scanning and observation techniques

Hazard Perception

Real hazards / potential hazards
Uncomfortable hazards / lethal hazards
From pothole to red-light-runners we have to be prepared

Test yourself by checking you don't swerve but brake and steer in a timely and controlled manner



Vehicle Controls

Smooth acceleration, steering & gear selection
Remember to indicate appropriately
Confidence in reading gauges, dash-lights and using the air-con, demisters, wipers and lights

Test yourself by checking you can open the bonnet and fill the washer bottle

Test yourself by setting and disabling the steering lock; efficiently adjusting your driving position, mirrors and steering column

Test yourself by checking you if your car has ABS, traction control and/or other driver aids, how they work and how to use them

A word about parking: The test uses the manoeuvres (parking, three point turns and kerb side stop) as a distraction: *what you are really being tested on is your ability to remember your observation checks (mirrors, blind spots and looking out the rear window as you begin to reverse), to signal appropriately and not let the car roll away from you (keep it rolling slow!). TIP: You must know then the front wheels are pointing straight – do not look at the steering wheel but feel which way the car is turning.*

Once the test is over you should continue to practice your parking by trying harder and harder spots. Get some help, don't be backward in asking for assistance to help you reverse.