

What to expect during your road test

The test will begin with the safety check of your vehicle.

Your examiner will:

- Not trick you or ask you to break the law.
- Expect you to drive safely and obey all pavement markings, traffic signs and traffic laws.
- Give you directions, and will give you plenty of time for you to complete their directions. They will say first intersection turn right or second intersection turn left. If they don't say anything please follow the road and obey all traffic signs. If you are unsure of your examiner's directions please ask.
- On the test, ask you to demonstrate some vehicle handling maneuvers and parking such as a parallel park and hill park. When they ask you to pull over and park, they would like you to stop and park as if you were going to leave the vehicle overnight. You do not need to turn the vehicle off, leave it running.
- As part of the road test will ask you to demonstrate hazard perception. A couple of examples would be a hidden driveway or children playing near the road.
- Use an eye check mirror to observe your eyes during the drive without having to stare directly at you.
- Ask you if you have an active electronic device in the vehicle such as a GPS or a visual/audio recorder. These are not permitted to be used during your road test — please turn them off before you begin. If you have a cell phone, we would recommend turning it off completely, or at least placing it on silent mode. We have a no phone policy during our road tests and encourage you to do the same at all times while driving. Distracted Driving is a leading cause of crashes in BC so please don't use a phone when driving.
- Be happy to answer any questions you may have before the Road Test begins.

Here are a few tips that may help you on your test:

- Please feel free to ask your examiner any questions. The best time to ask is before the test.
- Always keep to the posted speed limit. Watch out for school, playground & construction zones. Drive according to road conditions
- Always keep a safe distance from other road users.
- When you turn right, shoulder check on your right to see if there are any cyclists, pedestrians or other road users.
- Make a full stop behind the stop lines at stop signs and red lights. When it's safe to pull out, go slowly and make sure you scan the intersection.
- Scan the intersection before you drive through — even if the light is green.
- Changing lanes or direction? Make sure you mirror check, signal and shoulder check.
- If merging on to a highway, use the acceleration lane to get up to the speed of the highway traffic — but don't go over the speed limit — then merge when it's safe.
- In addition to speeding violations, you may be assessed for going too slow in low risk situations
- Timing gaps in traffic is expected to be done safely and smoothly. Drivers are assessed for being unnecessarily cautious or unnecessarily aggressive (for example — turning, merging, lane changes, etc.).
- When completing a parking manoeuvre, touching the curb is not a FAIL.
- Back-up cameras do not need to be disabled, but you should not rely solely on the camera while backing up.

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