

## Driver Safety Checklist

### Before Starting the Vehicle

- Adjust the mirrors and your seat
- Fasten your seat belt
- Know where the vehicle controls are located and how to use them (headlights, windshield wipers, turn signals, etc.)

### During the Driving Test

- Use the turn signals when appropriate
- Look in the mirrors regularly and over your shoulder when necessary
- Keep both hands on the steering wheel unless you are backing up

### Stopping

- Check traffic
- Stop completely behind crosswalk or limit line
- Stop smoothly without the vehicle jerking

### Turning or Changing Lanes

- Signal 100 feet before starting maneuver
- Adjust speed for safety
- Check mirrors
- Look over your shoulder for the blind spot
- Begin and end maneuver in correct lane
- Yield or accept right-of-way as appropriate

### Always...

- Check mirrors at regular intervals
- Look both ways at all intersections
- Look for and obey all traffic lights and signs
- See and react appropriately to hazards
- Follow at a safe distance (adjust for weather)

## Vehicle Assessment

Before you begin the driving test, your vehicle must pass an assessment to ensure it is safe and can be legally operated on public roadways.

The customer service representative will check for:

- Two license plates (with the exception of single out-of-state or temporary plates) permanently affixed to the front and back of the vehicle; no auto dealership plates
- Working speedometer
- Working horn
- Working turn signals on the front and back of the vehicle
- Current vehicle registration and inspection
- Current insurance (applicant cannot be listed as "excluded driver")
- At least one rearview mirror inside or outside of the vehicle
- Front passenger door that opens normally from the inside and outside
- Working seatbelts
- Any restrictions on the driver
- One working brake light for 1959 or earlier model vehicles, Two working brake lights for models after 1960, or three for vehicles equipped with a "high mounted stop lamp".
- Working windshield wipers, headlights, and taillights (depending on weather conditions and time of day)

### Before the Driving Test

You must present one valid form of identification to the customer service representative.

Try to ask all questions before your driving test begins. Once the test starts, the customer service representative is not permitted to engage in general conversation.

## During the Driving Test

No pets or unauthorized passengers are allowed in the vehicle during the test.

The test takes about 20 minutes. The goal of the driving test is to determine your ability to safely operate a vehicle and obey traffic laws.

You will be graded on your ability to demonstrate the following maneuvers:

- Backing in a straight line
- Parallel parking
- Approaching intersections
- Turning
- Stopping in regular traffic conditions
- Controlling the vehicle
- Observing traffic
- Maintaining vehicle position (turning, stopping, etc.)
- Using signals

If at any time a dangerous or illegal maneuver is performed, the driving test will be immediately stopped and will result in an automatic failure.

### After the Driving Test

You will be informed if you passed or failed the test, and you will receive detailed feedback on the areas where you did well and the areas where you need to improve.

**Becoming a safe driver is an ongoing process.**