

15. Driving test

- (1) No person shall appear for the test of competence to drive unless he has held a learner's licence for a period of at least ¹[thirty days].
- (2) The test of competence to drive referred to in sub-section (3) of section 9 shall be conducted by the licensing authority or such other person as may be authorised in this behalf by the State Government in a vehicle of the type to which the application relates.
- (3) The applicant shall satisfy the person conducting the test that he is able to—
 - (a) adjust rear-view mirror;
 - (b) take suitable precautions before starting the engine;
 - (c) move away safely and smoothly straight ahead at an angle, while at the same time engaging all gears until the top gear is reached;
 - (d) to change to the lower gears quickly from the top gear when the traffic conditions warrant such change;
 - (e) change quickly to lower gears when driving downhill;
 - (f) stop and re-start the vehicle on a steep upward incline making proper use of the hand-brake or of the throttle and the foot-brake without any rolling back, turn right and left corners correctly and make proper use of the rear-view mirror before signalling;
 - (g) overtake, allow to be overtaken, meet or cover the path of other vehicles safely and take an appropriate course of the road with proper caution giving appropriate signals;
 - (h) give appropriate traffic signals at the appropriate time, in clear and unmistakable manner by hand or by electrical indicators fitted to the vehicle;
 - (i) change the lanes with proper signals and with due care;
 - (j) stop the vehicle in an emergency or otherwise, and in the latter case, bring it to rest at an appropriate course on the road safely, giving appropriate signals;
 - (k) in the case of vehicle having a reverse gear, driving the vehicle backwards, reverse it into a limited opening either to the right or left under control and with reasonable accuracy;
 - (l) cause the vehicle to face in the opposite direction by means of forward and reverse gears;
 - (m) take correct and prompt action on the signals given by traffic signs, traffic lights, traffic controllers, policemen and take appropriate action on signs given by other road users;
 - (n) act correctly at pedestrian crossings, which is not regulated by traffic lights or traffic police, by giving preference to persons crossing the roads;

- (o) keep well to the left in normal driving;
- (p) regulate speed to suit varying road and traffic conditions;
- (q) demonstrate general control of the vehicle by confident steering and smooth gear changing and braking as and when necessary;
- (r) make proper use of the rear-view mirror before signalling, beginning manoeuvring, moving away, altering the course to overtake, turning right or stopping;
- (s) use proper side when driving straight, turning right, turning left and at junction of the road;
- (t) make proper use of accelerator, clutch, gears, brakes (hand and foot) steering and horn;
- (u) anticipate the actions of pedestrians, drivers of other vehicles and cyclists;
- (v) take precautions at cross roads and on road junctions with regard to:—
 - (i) adjustment of speed on approach,
 - (ii) proper use of rear-view mirror,
 - (iii) correct positioning of the vehicle before and after turning to the right or left,
 - (iv) avoidance of cutting right hand corners,
 - (v) looking right, left and right again before crossing or emerging;
- (w) concentrate in driving without his attention being distracted and to demonstrate the presence of mind;
- (x) show courtesy and consideration for the safety and convenience of other road users, such as pedestrians, drivers of other motor vehicles or cyclists.