

Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Issue of a Provisional Car Licence by an Authorised Person Assessment Standards 2020*

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made under the

Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2000, section 119 (Approval of assessment standards)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Issue of a Provisional Car Licence by an Authorised Person Assessment Standards 2020*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 7 November 2020.

3 Approval

I approve the Assessment Standards in Schedule 1 for assessment of a person's suitability to be issued with a provisional car licence as the applicable standards for driver assessment by an authorised person.

4 Definitions

Authorised person means a person appointed as an authorised person under section 19 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, for the purpose of conducting driver assessment.

Driver assessment means in relation to an authorised person, the assessment of a person's suitability to hold a provisional car licence in accordance with the applicable standards approved under section 119 of the *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2000*.

5 Revocation

This instrument revokes the following:

- i. *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Learner Driver Standards (Government Licence Examiner) Approval 2010* NI2010-292; and

*Name amended under Legislation Act, s 60

- ii. *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Provisional Car Licence Assessment Standards (Government Licence Examiner) Approval 2016 (No 1) NI2016-462.*

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Delegate of the head of Access Canberra exercising a declared function of the Director-General of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate in that entity's capacity as a road transport authority

02 November 2020

Note: The *Public Sector Management (Head of Access Canberra Functions) Declaration 2017 (No 1)* declares that the head of Access Canberra may exercise functions given to the Director-General of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, including certain powers and functions under the *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2000* for which the Director-General of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate is the relevant road transport authority.

Note: The head of Access Canberra has delegated his declared powers and functions to specified public employees in Access Canberra under the *Road Transport Legislation (Access Canberra) Delegations 2017 (No 1)*.

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ASSESSMENT STANDARDS

In order to obtain a provisional car licence in the ACT, a person must meet several eligibility requirements including successful completion of driver assessment by an authorised person or competency-based driver assessment administered by a driving instructor.

A driver assessment by an authorised person must be undertaken in accordance with the applicable standards approved under section 119 of the *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2000*.

These Assessment Standards constitute the applicable standards approved under section 119 for driver assessment.

The conditions outlined for each competency must all be satisfied unless stated otherwise.

An **applicant** means the person on whom the driver assessment is being conducted.

DRIVER ASSESSMENT

Prior to commencing a driver assessment, the authorised person must ensure the applicant holds a current ACT learner car licence or other applicable licence or notice and is eligible to undertake the driving assessment.

If an applicant holds an **old learner licence**, driver assessment may only be undertaken if the applicant is aged at least 16 years and 350 days (15 days prior to the applicant's 17th birthday) who has held a learner licence for at least five and a half months.

An **old learner licence** means a learner licence in force immediately before 1 January 2020 but does not include a learner licence renewed on or after 1 January 2020.

If the applicant holds a **new learner licence**, driver assessment may only be undertaken:

- a) after the applicant has completed their 100 required driving hours, have held the new learner licence for at least 12 months, successfully completed the hazard perception test and are at least 17 years of age, if the applicant was aged under 25 when issued with their learner licence;
- b) after the applicant has completed their 50 required driving hours, have held the new learner licence for at least 6 months, successfully completed the hazard perception test, if the applicant was aged 25 or over when issued with their learner licence.

A **new learner licence** means a learner licence or renewed learner licence issued on or after 1 January 2020.

An applicant undertaking driver assessment is required to perform all 22 competencies, throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person. The applicant must apply observation, judgement, anticipation, decision-making skills,

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compliance with road transport laws and the correct use of vehicle control against all 22 competencies.

Mandatory fail items are listed as follows:

- Disobey traffic signs, signals or road markings.
- Fail to give way when necessary.
- Collide with a vehicle, pedestrian or object.
- Perform an illegal act or manoeuvre.
- Exceed the speed limit.
- Action requiring assessor intervention such as taking control of the vehicle.
- Cause a dangerous situation.
- Fail to give way to an emergency vehicle.
- Frequently not signal intention.
- Unable to complete full assessment.
- Unreasonably obstruct other vehicles or pedestrians.
- Takes excessive time.
- Repeatedly fail to scan/conduct head checks.

An applicant who performs a *mandatory fail item* automatically fails the driver assessment. The authorised person may decide to discontinue the driver assessment depending on the severity of the mandatory fail item and whether it is believed that the continuation of the driver assessment could cause danger to the applicant, authorised person or members of the public.

To pass the driver assessment, the applicant must achieve a total test mark of 90% or above. The total test mark percentage is based on the number of X's identified on the Driving Assessment sheet during the driving assessment by the authorised person.

| No. of X's | Test Mark % (manual vehicle) | Test Mark % (automatic vehicle) |
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An applicant may choose to discontinue the driver assessment if he or she is physically or emotionally distressed and cannot continue. The driver assessment may also be discontinued if the applicant is not sufficiently cooperating with any directions given by the authorised person.

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COMPETENCY No. 1 VEHICLE CONTROLS

PERFORMANCE

The applicant must locate, identify and describe the function and operation of 5 vehicle controls, gauges and/or warning lights.

CONDITIONS

- Vehicle parked and secured in a low-level traffic area with engine not running; or
- Authorised person may assess the applicant's ability to operate the controls while on the road.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task a minimum of 1 time, during the assessment, unaided by the authorised person.

The student will locate, identify and describe the function and operation of any of the following controls (where applicable):

1. ignition switch;
2. steering lock;
3. indicators;
4. hazard lights;
5. washers/wipers;
6. warning lights / gauges / buzzers;
7. accelerator;
8. clutch pedal (if applicable);
9. foot brake;
10. foot bracing point
11. park brake;
12. gear positions;
13. steering wheel adjustments;
14. horn;
15. air conditioning system;
16. heating system;
17. demister system (front and rear);
18. all lighting controls (including high/low beam control);
19. all door controls; and
20. other controls (e.g. cruise control, bonnet release, central locking, electric mirror operation and / or special modifications).

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COMPETENCY No. 2 CABIN DRILL and COMPETENCY No. 3 START UP PROCEDURE

PERFORMANCE

The applicant carries out adjustments required to ensure safe, effective and comfortable operation of the vehicle. The applicant should demonstrate the correct start up procedure.

CONDITIONS

- Seat and mirrors to be correctly adjusted prior to commencement of assessment;
- Vehicle parked and secured;
- Engine not running;
- Applicant in driver's seat;
- Ensure applicant checks for warning lights & gauges; and
- Ensure start up is correct within typical driving conditions.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task on at least one occasion during an assessment unaided by the authorised person. The authorised person will ask the applicant if he or she is ready to drive.

The applicant will ensure that:

1. the vehicle is parked and secured (park brake applied);
2. the seat and head restraint are properly adjusted;
3. the internal and external mirrors are properly adjusted for appropriate rear visibility;
4. the seat belts are secured for all occupants.
5. the steering wheel is adjusted correctly; and
6. all doors are secured.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. the gear lever is in neutral for manual transmission, or park or neutral for automatic transmission;
2. the use of the Inhibitor Switch (for automatic transmission vehicles only);
3. ignition is turned on;
4. setting the accelerator and choke to recommended position (if applicable);
5. all warning lights / gauges / buzzers are monitored and understood;
6. the vehicle is started; and
7. re-checking warning lights / gauges / buzzers for possible faults.

COMPETENCY No. 4 MOVING OFF PROCEDURE

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates moving off from a stationary position safely, efficiently and while maintaining full control of the vehicle.

CONDITIONS

- Parked adjacent to kerb in a low-level traffic area, preferably free of parked cars, with engine running and park brake on.
- Stationary from an intersection hold line.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task on at least 8 occasions, during an entire assessment, unaided by the authorised person. The applicant will be required to perform the task on a minimum of 4 times from a parked position and a minimum of 4 times from an intersection hold line. The authorised person will ask the applicant to move off when they are ready and when it is safe to do so.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. the clutch is depressed (if applicable);
2. the correct gear is selected (auto or manual);
3. foot brake is applied (auto or manual); *Note: A number of automatic vehicles require the foot brake to be depressed before the gear lever can be moved from the park position.*
4. mirror use;
5. appropriate indication is used;
6. appropriate engine revs are applied;
7. clutch is at friction point (manual) – not stall or labour vehicle;
8. park brake is released, where necessary (auto or manual);
9. mirror and head check is performed (from parked position);
10. clutch is released (if applicable);
11. head check is performed again (as vehicle begins to move);
12. not rolling backwards;
13. smooth acceleration is applied;
14. indicators are cancelled (if required);
15. mirrors again; and
16. no traffic is obstructed.

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COMPETENCY No. 5 GEAR CHANGING/CLUTCH OPERATION

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates smooth, efficient gear changing and gear selection according to road and traffic conditions, speed and vehicle requirements.

CONDITIONS (All conditions must be assessed where possible)

- Road and traffic conditions allowing speeds up to posted speed limit.
- Intersections requiring stopping, slowing or turning.
- On steep hills (ascending and descending).

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. gear changes that are smooth and efficient;
2. selection of the appropriate gear;
3. not coasting in neutral or in gear with the clutch depressed;
4. not riding the clutch unnecessarily;
5. using a foot bracing point (where fitted) between gear changes (do not rest foot on clutch pedal); and
6. not looking at gear lever or failing to return hand to wheel after each gear change.

Automatic: (where applicable)

1. use of transmission kick-down (to move to a lower gear automatically);
2. use of electronic overdrive (where fitted); and
3. use of appropriate gears to help maintain vehicle speed and control while descending a hill.

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COMPETENCY No. 6 STEERING CONTROL & VEHICLE POSITIONING

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates smooth and efficient steering control, including adopting suitable vehicle positioning.

CONDITIONS

- Kerbed road (or road with clearly defined edges or edge markings).
- Sections of straight and sweeping curves, in low level traffic area with intersections.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. keeping both hands on the steering wheel except when operating vehicle controls;
2. “ten to two” or “quarter to three” hand position;
3. “pull/push” steering technique is preferred (except slow manoeuvres where hand over hand may be acceptable);
4. maintaining a steady course on straight and curved roads using smooth and non-erratic steering corrections and not over or under correcting steering movements; and
5. maintaining a safe distance from parked vehicles.

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COMPETENCY No. 7 TURNS – LEFT AND RIGHT

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe, efficient and legal road position during left and right turns at intersections.

CONDITIONS (All conditions must be assessed where possible)

Driving on roads with traffic and intersections with the following turn conditions:

- from a single lane or no marked lane road onto another road;
- onto double/triple marked lane road from another road;
- from a double/triple marked lane road onto another road; and
- from a double/triple marked lane road onto another double/triple marked lane road.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person. There will be a minimum of 10 right turns, 10 left turns including 2 roundabouts. The vehicle must be positioned correctly and travel at the appropriate speed for each turn in the conditions.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. mirror use before and after turning;
2. appropriate indication, including entering and exiting roundabouts (where practical – exiting only);
3. indicators are cancelled (if required);
4. monitoring for other road users behind, beside and in front of the vehicle;
5. selection of the appropriate turn lane or roundabout entry lane;
6. staying within the turn lane boundaries (not striking any objects – i.e. kerb);
7. appropriate speed and gear selection before and after turning;
8. appropriate gap selection;
9. adopting a lane as near as practicable to the boundary of the carriageway;
10. exiting into a lane or unmarked carriageway with due regard for traffic, parked vehicles or an upcoming turn;
11. exiting into the appropriate corresponding lane or as directed by road markings (where applicable);
12. continually rechecking mirrors throughout the operation;
13. ability to follow a steady controlled course throughout the turn; and
14. not depressing clutch/selecting neutral when turning.

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COMPETENCY No. 8 SPEED CONTROL

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates good speed control at safe and legal speeds whilst maintaining a safe following distance.

CONDITIONS (Both conditions must be assessed where possible)

- Roads with varying speed zones ranging from 40 km/h to 100 km/h.
- Medium level traffic, allowing travel at or close to the posted speed limit.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

Minimum of: 1 x 40 km/h zone;
 2 x 50 km/h zone;
 2 x 60 km/h zone;
 1 x 70 km/h zone (if available);
 1 x 80 km/h zone;
 1 x 90 km/h zone (if available); and
 1 x 100 km/h zone (if available).

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. not exceeding the speed limit and that smooth acceleration is applied;
2. driving at a safe and appropriate speed for the road and traffic conditions;
3. not unnecessarily slowing other traffic;
4. ability and confidence to drive close to or at the speed limit when safe to do so;
5. adopt and maintain a safe following distance (minimum 3 second gap and a larger gap for adverse conditions);
6. adopt correct lane positioning, keeping to the left (where appropriate); and
7. good observation at all times.

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COMPETENCY No. 9 SLOWING PROCEDURE **and** **COMPETENCY No. 10 STOPPING PROCEDURE**

Note: Left foot braking is not acceptable.

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates controlled and safe slowing and stopping procedures and demonstrates controlled braking to a safe stop.

CONDITIONS

- Varying road conditions with traffic; and
- Recognised stopping points (e.g. hold line, power pole or tree).

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task a minimum of 10 times throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. mirror use first;
2. appropriate indication (if applicable);
3. smooth and even slowing / stopping;
4. progressive braking;
5. maintaining full control of the vehicle;
6. not skidding or slewing;
7. appropriate steering line;
8. appropriate gear selection;
9. recheck mirrors;
10. stopping at a nominated stopping point (e.g. hold line, power pole or tree);
11. maintaining a safe stopping distance from other vehicles;
12. not stalling or labouring the vehicle;
13. not depressing the clutch too early, preventing clutch coasting (manual);
14. not selecting neutral while vehicle in motion;
15. re-checking mirrors.

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COMPETENCY No. 11 HILL STARTS

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates controlled and smooth moving off, without stalling, during the hill start manoeuvre.

CONDITIONS

Parked on incline, adjacent to kerb in low traffic area, with park brake applied or while stationary at any intersection.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task on a minimum of 1 occasion, unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will safely demonstrate controlled, smooth moving off from a parked position on an ascending road with a minimum 1 in 10 gradient or while stationary on an incline at an intersection.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct stopping procedure prior to commencing the exercise;
2. mirror use first;
3. correct gear selection (1st gear for manual, D [DRIVE] for automatic);
4. correct indication when drawing alongside and leaving the kerb;
5. appropriate engine revs;
6. mirror and head check;
7. releasing the park brake;
8. not rolling backwards (appropriate use of clutch for manual transmissions);
9. due regard to the safety and convenience of other road users;
10. re-checking mirrors;
11. automatics – depress footbrake before engaging drive; and
12. When safe to do, moving off while continuing head check – release the park brake (fully released).

COMPETENCY No. 12 GIVE WAY RULES

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates compliance with the give way rules and drives safely and efficiently through roundabouts, intersections and crossings controlled by regulatory signs, traffic lights or road markings.

CONDITIONS

Roads with limited traffic containing intersections and crossings including traffic lights, stop signs, give way signs, pedestrian crossings, roundabouts and turning across uncontrolled oncoming traffic.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person. The applicant will demonstrate driving safely and efficiently through controlled and uncontrolled intersections. These must include a minimum of:

- 4 x traffic lights;
- 2 x stop signs;
- 3 x give way signs;
- 2 x pedestrian crossings;
- 2 x roundabouts; and
- 3 x turns across uncontrolled oncoming traffic.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. full understanding and application of correct give way rules;
2. full understanding and application of mandatory signs, signals and road markings;
3. scanning and observation left/right, for traffic and pedestrians;
4. approaching traffic lights and regulatory signs at an appropriate speed, slowing, anticipating and being prepared to stop if required;
5. not delaying or obstructing traffic flow unnecessarily (i.e. scans late/poor judgement);
6. stopping as near as practical to hold lines without any part of the vehicle crossing them at stop signs or red traffic lights;
7. selecting an appropriate gap in the traffic;
8. appropriate judgement when entering an intersection without sufficient space (i.e. Not unnecessarily delaying or obstructing other road users);
9. recognition of advisory signs and road markings; and
10. driving in accordance with all road rules.

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COMPETENCY No. 13 REVERSING

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and accurate reversing parallel to a kerb.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting).

CONDITIONS (All conditions must be assessed where possible).

- Straight level road with kerb or clearly defined straight sealed edge free of parked vehicles or other obstructions.
- Non-traffic or low-level traffic area.
- Clear of pedestrian activity.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely demonstrate reversing in a straight line for a minimum of 25 metres.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct stopping procedure prior to commencing the exercise;
2. observation for traffic including mirror use, scanning and looking to the rear;
3. no wheel will touch the kerb and avoid striking any objects;
4. both kerbside wheels will be within half a metre of the kerb at all times;
5. no forward adjustments; and
6. driving at a safe and appropriate speed (within the signposted speed limit)

Note: No automated/assisted reverse parking permitted. Use of rear view cameras is permitted.

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COMPETENCY No. 14 RIGHT ANGLE PARKING (FRONT IN)

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and accurate parking between two vehicles parked at a right angle to the kerb. The applicant then must leave the parked position to face the opposite direction to that of entry.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or object.

CONDITIONS

Right angle parking space with vehicles in parking spaces either side of the vacant space.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be directed to safely park between two vehicles at right angles to the kerb without striking any other vehicle, any person, animal or object including a kerb, gutter, parking meter or sign and complete the parking manoeuvre in a reasonable time.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. selection of an appropriate parking space;
2. mirror use;
3. correct indication;
4. appropriate speed (within the posted speed limit);
5. appropriate steering;
6. parking the vehicle completely in the bay and securing the vehicle (including applying park brake);
7. scanning continually and to the rear when reversing out of bay;
8. not obstructing other traffic unduly; and
9. reversing out to face the opposite direction to that of entry.

Note: No automated/assisted reverse parallel parking permitted. Use of rearview cameras is permitted.

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COMPETENCY No. 15 REVERSE PARALLEL PARKING

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and accurate reverse parallel parking.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitted). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or thing.

CONDITIONS

- A straight, level, low traffic area clear of pedestrian activity.
- Kerb or clearly defined straight sealed edge.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely reverse park behind a vehicle parallel to the kerb without striking any other vehicle, any person, animal or object including a kerb, gutter, parking meter or sign and complete the parking manoeuvre in a reasonable time.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct stopping procedure prior to commencing the exercise;
2. mirror use;
3. correct indication;
4. observation for traffic and pedestrians with mirror use, scanning and looking to the rear;
5. not reversing more than 3 metres behind the parked vehicle while manoeuvring (measured between the rear of the parked vehicle and the front of the vehicle being parked);
6. reversing in one continual movement; avoiding striking any objects (touch, strike or mount the kerb);
7. steering only when the vehicle is moving;
8. securing the vehicle within 1 to 2 metres of the parked vehicle (After reversing, if needed, the student may straighten up in a forward motion);
9. the left wheels are within 30 cm of the kerb and in the straight ahead position;
10. the vehicle is parallel to the kerb (wheels straight);
11. the vehicle is safely secured, including park brake applied;
12. mirror use before leaving parked position;
13. indication before leaving parked position;
14. head check before leaving parked position; and
15. not obstructing traffic or pedestrians when leaving parked position.

Note: No automated/assisted reverse parallel parking permitted. Use of rearview cameras is permitted.

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COMPETENCY No. 16 U-TURNS

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates completion of a safe and efficient U-turn using forward gears.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or object.

CONDITIONS

- Straight level road preferably with kerbed edges and clear of driveways.
- Low level traffic area.
- Road of appropriate width, either single or multi-lane, where the vehicle can readily complete the manoeuvre.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely complete a legal U-turn at either:

- a median strip (single or multi-lane);
- an intersection with traffic lights that permits u-turns or without traffic lights where u-turns are not prohibited; or
- on a wide road with kerbed edges.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. selection of an appropriate area;
2. mirror use, correct indication and head check prior to the U-turn;
3. correct positioning of the vehicle throughout the manoeuvre;
4. continual observation throughout the manoeuvre;
5. turning the steering wheel only when the vehicle is in motion;
6. not hitting kerbs or objects;
7. not obstructing traffic;
8. compliance with all road rules; and
9. mirror use.

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COMPETENCY No. 17

TURN AROUND ON THE ROAD, e.g. THREE POINT TURN

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and efficient turning around in the road, first using forward and then reverse gears.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or object.

CONDITIONS

- A straight level low traffic area clear of pedestrian activity.
- Kerb or clearly defined straight sealed edge clear of driveways.
- Road of appropriate width that the vehicle can readily complete the manoeuvre in three to five directional changes.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely turn around in the road without striking any other object.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct stopping procedure prior to commencing the exercise;
2. use of mirrors, indication and head check prior to commencing first forward turn;
3. continual scanning in all directions throughout the exercise;
4. completion of the manoeuvre in three to five directional changes within a reasonable time;
5. an adequate turn in each movement;
6. turning the steering wheel only while the vehicle is moving;
7. not using driveways or verges to assist;
8. not hitting or mounting a kerb or striking an object; and
9. not obstructing traffic unnecessarily.

Note: No automated/assisted reverse parallel parking permitted. Use of rearview cameras is permitted.

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COMPETENCY No. 18 LANE CHANGING, MERGING, ENTERING FREEWAYS & FORM ONE LANE

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe lane changing to the left and right and when merging and safely enters roads and freeways and form one lane.

Note: Form One Lane is not a merge.

CONDITIONS

Moderate traffic conditions on multi-lane roads.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely change lanes, merge and form one lane.

The applicant will be required to perform the tasks throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

There will be a minimum of:

- 5 right hand lane changes;
- 5 left hand lane changes;
- 2 merges (at 70km/h or more – if available);
- 3 form one lanes; and
- 1 entering freeway (if available).

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. selecting the appropriate lane;
2. selecting an appropriate gap in traffic;
3. mirror use;
4. correct signals;
5. head check prior to lane change;
6. smooth controlled lane change;
7. cancelling indicator;
8. rechecking mirrors;
9. no traffic obstruction; and
10. adopt appropriate speed (within the signposted speed limit).

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COMPETENCY No. 19 OVERTAKING / PASSING PARKED VEHICLES

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe overtaking of a vehicle travelling in the same direction on a single lane road or multi-lane carriageway (to be attempted on a single lane road only at applicant's discretion).

CONDITIONS

Suitable traffic conditions.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will, on at least one occasion (where possible), safely overtake a slower vehicle while still remaining within the posted speed limit.

The student will demonstrate:

1. selecting an appropriate gap in the traffic;
2. mirror use and correct indication, prior to lane change/diverging;
3. head check, prior to lane change/diverging;
4. appropriate acceleration to overtake the vehicle;
5. checking that the overtaken vehicle is visible in the central mirror before moving back into the lane;
6. correct indication back into lane; and
7. adopting appropriate speed (while still remaining within the posted speed limit) before, during and after overtaking (i.e. not obstructing traffic).

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COMPETENCY No. 20

OBSERVATION SKILLS, VISUAL SEARCHING & SCANNING AND HAZARD RECOGNITION

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates continuous forward scanning and regular observation to the sides and rear of the vehicle.

CONDITIONS

Using a wide variety of different road and traffic conditions.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will maintain continuous observation to the front and regular observation to the sides and rear of the vehicle.

The applicant will be required to perform the tasks throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. continuous scanning to both the left and the right;
2. scanning short, middle and long distances;
3. mirror checks every 8 to 10 seconds;
4. operating any controls required without diverting attention from road and traffic conditions; and
5. correct response to any potential or real hazard.

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COMPETENCY No. 21 COMPLIANCE WITH THE SYSTEM OF VEHICLE CONTROL

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates consistency in the application of the System of Vehicle Control.

CONDITIONS

Roads with features requiring driver preparation (i.e. stop and give way signs, right and left turn intersections, lane changes).

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will drive the vehicle continually using a systematic method of approach to all traffic situations. The applicant must also consider the current road conditions and the correct use of vehicle controls to ensure the safe passage of the vehicle through the hazard.

The applicant will be required to perform the tasks continually throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct course selection (observing / deciding / selecting correct line / lane of approach);
2. mirror use first;
3. indication (where required);
4. braking (where required);
5. appropriate gear selection;
6. mirror use again;
7. correct evasive action (avoiding or negotiating a situation or hazard by stopping, turning etc);
8. appropriate acceleration when exiting course;
9. appropriate mirror use when exiting course; and
10. continually check mirrors every 8-10 seconds.

Schedule 1

COMPETENCY No. 22

VULNERABLE ROAD USERS; OBSERVATION SKILLS, RECOGNITION AND RISK MANAGEMENT

PERFORMANCE

The applicant drives responsibly recognising the potential harm they could cause to a vulnerable road user and demonstrates an ability to anticipate, observe, recognise and respond safely to vulnerable road users – for example, cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians.

CONDITIONS

Using a wide variety of different road and traffic conditions where vulnerable road users may be encountered. For example, turning across green bicycle lanes and marked bicycle lanes, driving through slow moving and stationary traffic where motorcyclists may be lane filtering and areas where there are high numbers of cyclists and pedestrians such as shared zones, town centres, group centres, aged care facilities and school zones.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will, on at least one occasion (where possible) demonstrate good observation skills, recognition and risk management and display appropriate decision making to mitigate and avoid risk and harm to any vulnerable road users.

The applicant will be required to perform the tasks throughout an entire assessment unaided by the authorised person.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. scanning of short, middle and long distances for vulnerable road users and appropriate anticipation of their presence, needs and intentions;
2. the ability to safely navigate through areas such as school zones, aged care facilities, shared zones, group centres and town centres while observing, anticipating and responding safely to vulnerable road users;
3. anticipation of motorcyclists and cyclists at intersections and when turning and checking of blind spots before undertaking turning manoeuvres;
4. correct response to the presence or anticipated presence of any vulnerable road user including slowing on the approach to and providing sufficient distance when travelling behind a vulnerable road user; and
5. a full understanding and application of the road rules as they relate to vulnerable road users, including;
 - a. giving way to cyclists travelling within green lanes;
 - b. providing the minimum overtaking distance when passing cyclists;
 - c. exercising caution around pedestrians and cyclists and when in slow and stationary traffic checking for motorcyclists that may be lane filtering;
 - d. giving way to pedestrians and cyclists at crossings; and
 - e. giving way to pedestrians in shared zones.