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What to know for drivers test

When you learn to drive, you'll be learning and practising 27 important driving skills that you'll need for a lifetime of safe driving. It's unlikely that anyone except an approved driving instructor (ADI) will have the experience, knowledge and training to teach you properly. They're specially trained to help you learn the 27 skills. Find out about taking driving lessons. When you're at the right level, it's a good idea to start practising with family or friends between your driving lessons. People who combine extra practice with driving lessons do better when they take their driving test. Find out about practising with family or friends. The 27 skills you need to learn to become a safe driver are split into 8 groups. Includes legal responsibilities, safety checks, cockpit checks and security. Includes controls and instruments, moving away and stopping, and safe positioning. Includes mirrors, signals, anticipation and planning, use of speed, other traffic and fuel-efficient driving. Includes junctions, roundabouts and pedestrian crossings. Includes reversing, turning the car around, parking and emergency stops. Includes country roads, dual carriageways and motorways. Includes driving in the dark, driving in different weather conditions, and driving with passengers and loads. Includes independent driving following directions from a sat nav and a series of traffic signs. Next page: Basics (skills 1 to 4)

Only take your driving test if you're feeling completely prepared. You can move your driving test back if you're not feeling quite ready yet. It's free to change your appointment time, as long as you do it at least 10 full working days (Mondays to Saturdays) before your test. If you want to see the very best driving test preparation techniques in one place, then you've come to the right place! We help over 30,000 pupils every year pass their driving test first time. Here, we'll cover absolutely everything that you can think of to help you prepare for your test, ensuring you are ready for the big day. Suggestions for driving test preparation from ADIs. Below, we discuss all of the modern driving test preparation suggestions from experienced ADIs (Approved Driving Instructors) and answer the most common questions we receive on preparing for your driving test. Skip to... Before booking your test. Good preparation starts early. So before you even book your test, it pays to think through your options. Agree with your instructor when to book your test. Remember your instructor is the expert so consult them first. Choose a test centre that is local to you, where you have been practising. Many learners each year opt to book intensive driving courses online with a company that simply only cares about the booking fee. Many terms and conditions stipulate you will have a driving test at a certain time, but there is no guarantee you'll get the test centre of your choice. In theory, if you are a good driver, you should be able to drive anywhere; however, everyone knows there are massive advantages of taking a test in an area you know well and have taken driving lessons in. One pupil we heard about, Joan Simpson, came to us after failing an intensive course with a company where she took her driving lessons in Oxford, while her test was booked for Aylesbury. She came to us and passed in 10 hours by taking her lessons in an area she knew well. Preparing during your driving lessons. To stand you in good stead for your driving test, pay attention to the following in your lessons: Understand your actions. Try to understand what you are doing rather than learning by rote/memory. Under pressure, something may happen, for example a car starts reversing off a driveway as you try to move off from the side of the road. If you understand why you look over your right shoulder and that other road users may not give you priority, you will wait for that car. If you are looking over your right shoulder because your instructor tells you to, then in the moment you might not make the correct decision. Make sure you understand the Marking Sheet. During your driving test preparation, it is a good idea to look at a copy of the examiner's marking sheet. This will help you understand how your driving test is going to be scored and tested. You can see what an examiner's marking sheet looks like here. There are a few areas of the marking sheet you'll need to understand that are not actively shown on the form. If you receive more than 4 minor faults in one of the sections, it will result in a failed examination. You may notice an "S" and "D" section". A fault in this section will also result in an instant fail on your driving test. We always actively encourage our learners to read through the marking form so they have a better understanding of the test. Start preparing for your driving test a few weeks in advance. Here are some things that you can do a few weeks before you take your test: Plan your driving lessons. Try to take your driving lessons leading up to your driving test at a similar time to when you are taking your test. For example, if you have an 8:10am test, then it's vital you take some lessons between 7-9am. This way, you will understand the traffic and decision-making of other road users during rush hour. Many learners are put off by taking a test around 8am in the morning. However, if you are learning with a drive. Johnson's instructor they will know the test routes for this time. In most towns/cities, the test routes are reduced during rush hour so the examiner doesn't get caught in traffic. This means your instructor will be able to focus on certain routes more for you. Also, ask for a driving lesson the day before your test to ease any nerves. Make sure you have had a detailed discussion with your driving instructor, highlighting any areas that you are stumbling on. Many learners book a test in advance and then ask their instructor for a lesson and cover for the test. Always ask your instructor first to ensure they are free. Practice test routes. Practising test routes is condemned by some non-drive Johnson's instructors. However, it's not cheating, and if it makes you feel more confident then ask your instructor about practising some test routes. All instructors should be following the DVSA code of conduct, and teaching learners in a client-centred manner is one of them. Do mock tests. Try to pass a mock test with your instructor before you take your actual driving test. If you can pass a mock test with your instructor then that's a sign you are ready to pass. At drive Johnson's, we regularly do mock tests at different stages of your learning. Don't get too frustrated if you don't pass your first few mock tests. One lady called Prema who was taking her driving lessons in Oxford failed her driving test 6 times with a national driving school. She came to us, failed 5 mock tests in her lessons, and then passed first time with us. Which one is cheaper? Failing 6 driving tests or failing 5 mock tests of which some were mini mock tests (just 20 minutes long). Please bear in mind you do need to be up to a standard where your instructor believes you have a good chance of passing to take the actual driving test. To help you gauge if you are ready, see the three examples below: If you are failing your mock tests with 3+ serious faults during a 40-minute mock test, then this should be enough evidence you are not ready to take your test yet. If you have failed your recent mock tests with 1 serious fault for doing 35 on a 30mph road, then this is a short lapse in concentration. In many cases, instructors would be willing to take you for your driving test. If your driving instructor is pointing out 1-2 serious driving faults over the course of an hour, it may be worth postponing your driving test by a couple of weeks. This gives you the time to get in some additional practice before your driving test. Alternatively, your instructor may even be able to increase the number of lessons to help you improve quicker. Plan which car to use on your test. Use a vehicle you are used to for your driving test. This is normally your driving instructor's car. If you intend to use your own car for your test, make sure that it is safe to use on a driving test. Also, make sure that you have the correct insurance. Your examiner will ask you to sign a declaration confirming that it is correctly insured. Check your eyesight. Something worth remembering is the all-important eyesight test. You will be asked to read a number plate from 20.5 metres so check you can do this in advance. Avoid the main reasons for failing. Read over the top 10 reasons for failing your driving test. Look at each point and anything that confuses you or you don't understand, ask your instructor. Practice show me, tell me questions. Don't forget to learn the 'show me, tell me' questions thoroughly. As part of your driving test, your examiner will ask you two of these questions. Make sure that you revise them in the weeks/days leading up to your driving test. The night before your test. Plan what to take with you. Anything you may need with you on test day, have it ready the night before. This might include glasses, correct/comfortable footwear, rescue remedy, inhaler etc. Make sure that you include your driving licence within your essentials. If you don't have your provisional licence with you, there is no chance of you taking your driving test that day. Plan an appropriate outfit. We are often asked, 'What do I wear on my driving test?' There are a few things you should remember as part of your driving test preparation: Only wear shoes that are comfortable and allow you to maintain control of the clutch. The clothing you wear should be comfortable and allow you to move freely. Any t-shirts, blouses or shirts should not restrict your movement. Avoid wearing sunglasses. You must remove them during your test. Unfortunately, there are a few people who choose to ignore our advice. Many of the driving instructors on our driving school franchise have reported cases of pupils being rude and wearing dirty clothes. So then, what should you wear? These are the most common types of clothing: A comfortable t-shirt or blouse. Straight-fitting jeans or skirt. Comfortable trainers or plimsolls. Make sure that you are getting plenty of rest between lessons and before your driving test. One of the most important aspects of driving test preparation is concentration. Without the necessary rest in between driving lessons and your test, your brain could be getting exhausted and this will lead to an increase in avoidable mistakes. Try to go bed at your normal bedtime. If you go to bed at 11pm every night then your body won't be used to going to bed at 8pm. Trying to go to bed too early may make things worse. You may start to worry you can't get to sleep and then end up falling asleep later than your normal bedtime. There is evidence out there from very reputable sources, such as Sleep Foundation, which suggests changing your bedtime should be done gradually over weeks and not the night before a test. On test day. So the big day is finally here! Here are our top tips for tackling your test day. Double-check you have your licence. Check you have your driving licence with you and the theory test pass certificate/letter. Your driving licence is essential. The theory test pass letter is usually only asked for if the examiners are working to rule, which is rare. Bring both and you can't go wrong. Getting the better of driving test nerves. Key to getting your driving test preparation sorted is to ensure you are mentally ready for your test. A good way to mentally prepare for your test is to think, 'I best do 25mph on a 30mph road to be safe and please the examiner.' However, if it's safe to do 30mph, then do 30mph. You must demonstrate to the examiner the correct speeds at the right times. If you do 25mph when it's safe to do 30mph, you may frustrate road users behind you and sometimes they will sound their horn or overtake, which can create more danger. Another example is driving at 60mph on a 70mph road. If it is safe to do 70mph, then do 70mph - that is what the examiner wants to see. If you do 60mph, the examiner will think you either lack the confidence to do the correct speed limit or that you think it's a 60mph speed limit. They can only mark you on what they see. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you are unsure of any directions when the examiner gives you them, ask them to repeat themselves. Alternatively, you can say things like 'Do you mean where the red bus is going?' You are being tested on your ability to drive, not follow verbal directions. The same goes for the satnav part of the test - if you are unsure then ask the examiner to repeat their directions. Don't dwell on mistakes. Finally, if you do make an error, don't panic. Continue driving and assessing the road ahead. Making mistakes during your driving test is normal. During your test, you may think you've made a mistake when in fact the examiner doesn't. You can only really tell if you have failed if/when the examiner intervenes physically by stopping the car for you or going for the steering wheel. Even if they intervene verbally, it's not a 100% guarantee you have failed. So keep working hard throughout and don't dwell on mistakes that are behind you - focus on the road ahead! How to pass your driving test - driving test preparation was last modified: November 15th, 2024 by drive Johnson's Only pay for the cover you need until you've passed your test. Get learner driver insurance so you can practice outside of your lessons. It's a pivotal moment for any learner driver when the driving instructor turns to them and utters those momentous words: 'I think you're ready for the test'. This landmark occasion can bring on mixed emotions, however, because unless you have nerves of steel, the prospect of taking your practical driving test is likely to bring about at least some anxiety. Advertisement - Article continues below This is, of course, a completely understandable reaction. The practical driving test is a big deal with a lot riding on it, even if you've already driven hundreds of miles and racked up hours of experience behind the wheel. You will have already invested a significant amount of time and money into your driving lessons, as well as studying for and passing your theory test. The end goal of securing your driving licence could potentially be life-changing, so the pressure's on, but if you're well prepared then your practical driving test really shouldn't be such a terrifying experience - for you or for the examiner. Below, we've compiled a comprehensive set of handy practical driving test tips to help you prepare and pass. Aside from anything else, it's reassuring to know what to expect on the day. Driving examiners are trained to make you feel at ease while they scrutinise your driving skills, so try to keep calm and stay focused. Do this and there's no reason why the test should be any more difficult than your usual driving lesson. The first thing to remember when preparing for your driving test is that if you were not sufficiently competent, your instructor would not be willing to let you take the test in the first place. Advertisement - Article continues below Skip advert Advertisement - Article continues below You will need to pass the theory test, including the hazard perception test before you are allowed to apply for the practical driving test. You will then need to gain experience on the road - practice makes perfect, after all. Your instructor will be best able to tell you if you are ready, and will be able to take you on a mock test so you know what to expect. They may even show you some of the common routes examiners use to get you used to the roads. Make sure that you will pass the eyesight test or you won't be allowed to drive on the test at all. Also be prepared for the 'show me, tell me' vehicle-safety questions that you will be asked by the examiner. Once you have made your way to an official test centre and begun your practical exam, there are five parts that will be covered. They are as follows: An eyesight check. Here you are required to read a number plate from 20 metres for vehicles with a new style plate or 20.5 metres for vehicles with an old style number plate. New style plates are those which have two letters followed by two numbers. For example, AB63 ABC. Make sure to bring driving glasses if you need them as, if you fail to read the number plate, your test will end. 'Show me, tell me' vehicle safety questions. You will be asked one 'show me' and one 'tell me' question during your test. The first will be a 'tell me' question at the beginning of your test. The 'show me' question will be asked whilst you are actually driving. For tips and examples of these, scroll down the page. General driving ability. During this section of the test you drive in various road and traffic environments - excluding motorways. The examiner will provide directions for you to follow, so there is no stress there, but to keep people on their toes the driving test routes are not published. Reversing your vehicle. You will be asked to do one of the following: parallel park at the side of the road, park in a bay or pull up on the right-hand side of the road and reverse for roughly 2 car lengths. Independent driving. The final section of the test is independent driving, which lasts for about 20 minutes. You will be told by the examiner whether you need to follow a sat nav or traffic signs. Advertisement - Article continues below Skip advert Advertisement - Article continues below For tips, advice and more details on the above sections scroll below... First things first, the driving test examiner will want to make sure that you can see well enough to take the test - and a simple way to do this is to read a number plate. The only thing you can do here to make sure you will pass is test yourself beforehand. So find a car, measure out 20 metres and see if you can read its plate. If you can't, get yourself to an optician before your driving test. If you know you need eye glasses/contacts, make sure you take them with you as you're required by law to wear them whenever you drive a car or ride a motorcycle. That includes wearing them for the remainder of your driving test. The vehicle safety ('show me, tell me') questions in the practical driving test are designed to verify that you have a basic knowledge of how to check that your car is safe before getting behind the wheel. They get their name as one requires you to show something, while the other requires you to tell something. Fortunately, there is a set list of questions for this part of the test. The instructor will give directions around a set route that's designed to place you in a variety of different road and traffic conditions. Drive as you have been doing during your lessons and don't get hung up on little mistakes. You will also be required to carry out a simple manoeuvre at the side of the road during this section. These include: making a stop at the side of the road, pulling out from behind a parked vehicle and a hill start - an emergency stop may be required as well. Reversing your vehicle shouldn't be as hard as some people might make it seem. Make sure you follow the advice your instructor gave you during your lessons and go at your own pace. There are only three potential manoeuvres: parallel park, bay parking, or reversing on the right-hand side of the road for around 2 car lengths before rejoining the traffic. The only scope for confusion is whether or not you should be driving or reversing into the bay parking space, but the instructor will tell you which one to do. In this section of the UK driving test you will drive independently for around 20 minutes while following either a satnav or street signs. The sat nav will be set up for you and you cannot use your own. The key to this section is to forget about the invigilator sitting next to you and focus on driving. Remember, this isn't an exercise in navigation, the priority is to drive safely and well at all times. It doesn't matter if you do go the wrong way, as the examiner will help you get back on route. Also, if there are any covered signs or discrepancies in the sat nav instructions, the examiner will provide directions. There are three types of faults you can get during your practical test: a driving fault (a minor), a serious fault and a dangerous fault (both of which count as majors). During the test you can accrue up to 15 driving faults and still pass, but a 16th fault will mean failure. When it comes to serious or dangerous faults, it's 'one strike and you're out'. Advertisement - Article continues below Skip advert Advertisement - Article continues below If the examiner thinks you're a danger to other road users, they will stop the test immediately. Otherwise, you'll be able to complete the test and return to the test centre where you'll be told whether you've passed or failed. If you pass, you can start driving straight away, you need not wait for your licence to arrive. You must make sure that your car is correctly insured, though, as a learner policy will no longer cover you. If you have failed but believe that you shouldn't have, you can appeal the decision. You cannot change the result of your test, but you can get a free retest. Aside from that, if you fail you will need to pay and book another test at least 10 working days from your failed attempt. An important point is keep the date of your real practical test quiet - the more people you tell the more pressure you will feel on the day. Make sure that you don't have a late night before the day of the test. If you have time, have a lesson beforehand to settle the nerves and get you thinking in the right way about your driving. Any time you feel tense, either that you've lost your focus or that you've made a mistake on your test, remember to concentrate on your breathing and take a few deep breaths. This will calm your mind, stop you dwelling in the past and help you focus on the next instruction. Remember, any mistake you feel you've made may only be minor, in which case you can still pass your test. Also, don't feel shy if you don't understand something, ask your examiner to repeat any instructions you're not sure of. Driving is an ongoing learning experience and lessons do not have to stop once you've passed your test. Most instructors will be happy to help you develop your skills in areas such as motorways, night driving, or driving in poor weather conditions. Pass Plus is a popular choice and can possibly reduce the cost of your insurance. Telematics insurance, where the insurance company monitors how you drive with a 'black box' fitted to your car, is another option to consider. What are your top tips for passing the driving test? Let us know in the comments section below... Everything you need to know about learning to drive, getting your driving licence and choosing your first car... For all the latest car news, features, tips and advice, follow Auto Express on Twitter and like us on Facebook... Find a car with the experts Car Deal of the Day: Sacre bleu! The Renault 5 keeps getting cheaper Car Deal of the Day: Sacre bleu! The Renault 5 keeps getting cheaper The modern-day Super City comes with a super price. It's our Deal of the Day for 14 May Confirmed: New VW Golf GTI will be electric - and it's a 'monster' Confirmed: New VW Golf GTI will be electric - and it's a 'monster' VW is taking the iconic hot hatchback brand into the electric era with the new Golf GTI. It's already in development... Want a new small car? You probably can't afford one and car bosses blame the EU Want a new small car? You probably can't afford one and car bosses blame the EU Renault and Stellantis bosses demand changes to the emissions rules, driving up new car prices. In this article, we'll go through some practical tips that can drastically boost your chances of passing your driving test on the first try. While there are no secret shortcuts, success really comes down to being well-prepared and practicing the right maneuvers. Follow these road test tips and build your confidence to ensure you're ready when test day arrives. 15 Tips to Pass Your Driving Test Tip #1. Remember your pre-drive checklist As soon as you enter your vehicle, there are a few tasks that your instructor will expect you to perform. While this list can vary by state, here are some of the most common tasks you'll be expected to complete: Operating your seatbelt safely Adjusting your side and rear-view mirrors Controlling your air conditioning and heating systems Turning on your headlights, taillights, and high beams Making sure your dashboard gauges and warning lights are working Showing that you know where the gear shift, emergency brake, and other essential controls are located Tip #2. Always stay within 5mph of the speed limit Driving too fast for the conditions is one of the most common reasons students end up failing their road exams. When you're nervous, it's easy to lose track of your speed and accidentally accelerate too much. To avoid this pitfall, maintain a smooth, steady pace throughout your test and check your speedometer regularly. A good way to build this habit is to try to stay within 5 miles per hour of the posted speed limit every time you practice driving, unless road conditions call for a significantly slower speed. Actively look for speed limit signs and try to drive within 5mph of the posted speed limit. Many students often make the mistake of keeping their eyes laser-focused on what's going on ahead of them during the exam. While this may sound like the right thing to do, it is very dangerous and can result in an automatic fail on your driver's test. Your side-view and rear-view mirrors provide crucial information about the traffic around you. Examiners pay close attention to how you use your mirrors to continuously scan your surroundings. Remember to check your blind spot as well to catch any vehicles that might be adjacent to you. This habit gives you a complete 360-degree view of the road, ensuring you're not caught off guard. A great trick to build the habit of checking your mirrors is to say out loud what you see in your mirrors every few minutes as you drive. It may feel a little silly at first, but this will help keep you aware of your surroundings and help you build the habit of scanning for potential hazards. Tip #4. Practice driving as often as you can There is no substitute for simply getting behind the wheel and practicing your main driving maneuvers. Whenever possible, you should ask a parent or close relative to accompany you on a supervised drive. This will allow you to gain a certain level of comfort on the road, which will help you a lot on the driver's test. You want to make sure you expose yourself to different driving situations and conditions. Don't just stick to your quiet suburban neighborhood on sunny days. We can't predict the weather or traffic conditions on test day, so make sure you've experienced a little bit of everything. Also, try to choose an experienced supervisor who constantly gives you tips when practicing, as it can be difficult to see your own mistakes. Tip #5. Always check your blind spots We all know that checking your blind spot is crucial, but under the pressure of the driving test, many students forget to do it. They might signal too late or skip double-checking their blind spot entirely. Every time you change lanes, merge, or pull out, you must turn your head to check your blind spot. A simple memory trick to get into this habit is to mentally chant "Signal, Mirror, Shoulder" right before you move. Tip #6. Slow down before turning Accelerating into a turn is a bad practice that could result in a dangerous accident. It is important to take your turns very slow, especially as a beginner. When turning, be sure to slow down and complete the maneuver before reapplying force to your accelerator. Observe your surroundings to avoid striking pedestrians or debris that may be in your path. Tip #7. Be cautious when approaching traffic lights Traffic lights are one of the more obvious driving rules for people of all ages to understand. We're taught at a very young age that a green light means 'go' and a red light means 'stop'. However, there has been some discrepancy in what you should do at a yellow light. In the majority of instances, you should prepare to stop when approaching a yellow light. This way, you're not caught running a red light, which is an automatic fail. You should always prepare to stop when approaching a yellow light. Also, make sure to look both ways before beginning to accelerate after a green light. Some drivers speed through intersections when the light has just turned red, which can result in an accident. This is not just a great road test tip, but something you should always do to stay safe on the roads. Tip #8. Learn to reverse without backup cameras Although many modern vehicles are equipped with backup camera technology, their use is prohibited on the DMV road exam. Your administrator will either have you turn the system off or require you to cover its screen with a clipboard. This means you must learn to perform all maneuvers using your own observation skills. Always check your surroundings before putting the car in reverse and while steering to your destination. Failing to clearly check your blind spots may result in point deductions on your test. Make sure you practice these maneuvers without relying on your camera, so you're fully prepared for the exam. Tip #9. Brake gently Aggressive braking is another common reason for missed points on the road test. It can be tempting to immediately hit the pedal with force, but you should practice slowly applying pressure about a quarter-mile before your destination. Your vehicle will have ample time to come to a stop. Another great way to avoid aggressive braking is to look well ahead of your vehicle - that way you will be able to spot potential hazards and react in time. If you know your defensive driving techniques, this shouldn't be an issue. Tip #10. Inspect your vehicle beforehand The DMV requires your test vehicle to be road legal in order for it to be used on the road exam. Your test instructor will check for the following items prior to administering the test. Valid registration in your state Current insurance and inspection Functional speedometer, horn, and windshield wipers Functional interior safety equipment (seatbelts, airbags, rear view mirror) Functional doors and exterior mirrors Working head and tail lights, as well as brake lights and emergency lights No check engine or other service lights present on dashboard Doing an inspection of your car up to a week before your exam will prevent you from running into surprise headaches on test day. You can read our full checklist here. Tip #11. Know your basic maneuvers Having a solid grasp of your basic maneuvers will be necessary to pass the driver's test. Make sure you are comfortable demonstrating the following maneuvers: Three-Point Turns Lane Changes Complete Stops Parallel Parking Merging onto Highways Backing Up in a Straight Line U-turns Tip #12. Learn to parallel park Parallel parking has always been a difficult maneuver for students to understand. While it can be frustrating to master, it is a vital skill for those living in densely populated urban areas. Many argue; however, it is not as pertinent for suburban and rural drivers. In fact, there are a few states that have eliminated parallel parking from their road test altogether. If you live in one of the states that test parallel parking on the driving test, it is definitely something you need to practice. Parallel parking is considered to be one of the most difficult maneuvers for learners. Parallel parking is a handy driving maneuver to comprehend, regardless of your geographic location. Even if it won't be tested on your road exam, you will certainly face a parallel parking situation at some point in your future driving endeavors. Parallel parking is a handy driving maneuver to comprehend and you will certainly find yourself in situations where you need to parallel park. Tip #13. Don't assume that your mistakes are critical You may notice that you make a mistake and assume you have failed the test. Don't. Your mistake may be a non-critical mistake, which means you may still have a chance of passing. Critical mistakes are errors that show a lack of control of the vehicle or errors that are dangerous to others on the roadway. They result in an instant fail on the driving test. Non-critical mistakes are all other errors or mistakes you make during the exam. Depending on where you live, you may accumulate a few non-critical mistakes without failing the test. At the end of the road test, the driving instructor will review your score and point out areas of improvement. You'll be told about your critical or non-critical mistakes. Tip #14. Pay attention to the road, not the examiner As you'll no doubt have learned early on, any distraction will severely impact your safe driving skill and concentration. While you may feel anxious to know what the examiner is doing and writing down, it's completely irrelevant to know during the test. Instead of focusing on the examiner, focus on the road and the area around your car to ensure you drive in the safest and best way possible. This, if anything, will ensure the examiner only writes positive things about your driving and help you get a passing grade. Tip #15. Make sure you understand the handbook Understanding what you'll be tested on is crucial to passing the driver's test. Make sure you understand the topics discussed in the driver's handbook and take additional DMV practice tests to remember better. This will help build the foundational knowledge you need for behind-the-wheel training. Remember, the permit test isn't just a hurdle to clear - it's the base upon which you'll build all your driving skills. For example, imagine approaching a four-way stop on your driving test. If you're not sure who goes first, you'll hesitate, get stressed, and risk making a critical error. That's why it's so important to have a proper foundation, which only comes from consistent, thoughtful study. Tip #16. Don't take the test too early It's understandable to want to pass the behind-the-wheel test and never think of it again, but taking the test before you are ready will inevitably lead to a failing grade. In fact, one of the most common mistakes, according to instructors we've spoken to, is taking the test too early. You won't be able to "fake" your way to a driver's license, so take your time to learn how to drive properly before taking the test. You'll end up saving time and money in the long run. Bonus Tip Want to know exactly what examiners are looking for? Our behind-the-wheel online course is designed to give you the essential skills and confidence you need to pass your test. With professional driving lessons, you'll focus on the key areas that examiners assess. You'll also get insider tips from experienced instructors on what to expect and how to avoid common mistakes. That's It! In all, the DMV driving exam can be quite simple, as long as you're willing to sufficiently study and prepare well beforehand. Be sure to practice, practice, practice your skills behind the wheel. We hope that these tips have helped you, and that you feel more confident for your upcoming driver's test. Otherwise, we can help you out. Good luck!