
WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY OF YOUR DRIVING TEST.

Arrive at the Test centre 15 minutes before your test with your letter and valid Licence.

Have your car reversed parked and ready to go, tax, insured and Nct up to date and clean inside and outside & L plates back and front.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and have a bottle of water with you. Ladies Put your hand bag in the boot.

Go to the bathroom, look in the mirror and breath deeply and relax. You can do this. Sit in the waiting area and someone will collect your letter.

This is your opportunity to show a government official that you can drive safely and confidently with due care and consideration for other road users and in doing so you will get a certificate of competence which will entitle you to a full drivers licence for the rest of your life.

The Tester will call your name and you will follow him or her to a desk. When you sit down the Tester will ask for your licence: take it out of the folder and hand it to them.

You will then be asked to sign a form to state the car you are providing for the test is roadworthy and properly insured: Sign the form. You will now be asked to answer some questions and signs on the Rules of the Road.

You can be asked up to 20 questions and if you get 3 wrong you get a grade 2 fault.

The Tester will now ask you to go to your car for the practical part of the exam. Here they will check your tax, insurance, nct if needed, L plates and registration number.

They will then ask you to lift the bonnet of your car.

You can now be asked where and how to check any 3 of the following: engine oil, coolant, windscreen washer, power steering fluid and brake fluid, the tyres and the reflectors.

The Tester will ask you to close and secure the bonnet and then sit into the car and put your foot on the footbrake so they may check your brake lights and indicators are working

Your test will be cancelled if these are not working.

The Tester will now sit into the car with you and ask you to start the car: they will ask you how you operate some of the internal secondary controls: to switch on/off any 3 of:

the wipers, the lights - side/parking, dipped and full, the windscreen washer, the fan, the air vents, the rear window heater, the temperature controls, the rear fog lights and the air intake controls.

The Tester will now say to you: "I would like you to drive in a normal manner. I will tell you in good time when to turn right or left, otherwise you should follow the main course of the road. If you have any doubts about my directions ask me to repeat or clarify them. You may start when ready".

The driving time can last 20 to 40 minutes.

You will also be asked to do the following Manoeuvres

1. **TURNABOUT:** Tester will say: "I would like you to turn your car around on the road to face the opposite way. You may go over and back more than once if necessary".
2. **REVERSE Around the Corner:** The Tester may stop you BEFORE the junction and say:"This road on the left is the one I want you to reverse your vehicle into. Will you drive past it and stop on the left and I will give you further directions". When you have completed this the Tester will say: "Reverse into this road on the left. You should continue reversing, while it is safe to do so, keeping reasonably close to the left. I'll tell you when you have gone back far enough. You may start when you are ready".
3. **HAND SIGNALS:** After the reverse or turnabout you will be asked to demonstrate hand signals. These are 3 Hand signals to a Garda and 3 to following traffic, in the event of your indicators and brake lights not working.
4. **HILL START:** Tester will say: "I want you to pull in and stop on the hill when safe". You will then be asked to move off using your handbrake when safe to do so.
5. **PARKING:** Tester will say: "We are now coming towards the end of the test, please find a suitable place to park.

6. THE END of the TEST:

Tester will say: "We will now return to the office and I will give you the result of the Test".

You will return to the same desk and take a seat and the Tester will ask you to sign your name to a CERTIFICATE. The certificate you get will be (a) Competence in driving Skill or (b) Failure of competence in driving Skill.

You will be given the Driving Test Report sheet with the certificate. This will reflect the areas you need to pay attention in your driving regardless of whether you Pass or Fail.

You may receive 8 grade 2 faults and still pass your Test. For more details on the marking system check your Rules of the Road.

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