

# DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TEST CHECKLIST

STUDY YOUR HANDBOOK

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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- YOU MUST BE A MANATEE COUNTY RESIDENT
- A MINIMUM FEE OF \$6.25 WILL BE COLLECTED
- ALL DOCUMENTS & PAPERWORK MUST BE PRESENTED BEFORE A NUMBER IS ISSUED
- IMPORTANT** ALL CUSTOMERS (PARENTAL SIGNATURE NEEDED IF A MINOR) MUST COMPLETE THE [NOTICE AND CONSENT TO ROAD TEST VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING](#)
- UPON ARRIVAL PARK IN THE **COVERED**, RESERVED PARKING SPACES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING
- YOU MUST PROVIDE THE VEHICLE FOR YOUR DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TEST

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ALL CUSTOMERS TAKING A DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TEST MUST KNOW OR PROVIDE THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
- IF YOU HAVE A **GOLD STAR** ON YOUR LICENSE OR ID CARD YOU ARE ALREADY REAL ID COMPLIANT
- IF REAL ID COMPLIANT **BUT** HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS BRING 2 PROOFS OF ADDRESS FROM 2 DIFFERENT SOURCES AND A SIGNED [CERTIFICATION OF ADDRESS](#) IF NOT IN YOUR NAME
- IF REAL ID COMPLIANT **BUT** HAVE A NAME CHANGE BRING YOUR OFFICIAL COURT NAME CHANGE DOCUMENT(S) *(No Photocopies)*
- IF YOUR LICENSE OR ID CARD IS NOT REAL ID COMPLIANT GO TO [flhsmv.gov/whattobring](https://www.flhsmv.gov/whattobring)
- NON US CITIZENS** MUST BRING IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

### IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE:

- ALL CUSTOMERS MUST COMPLETE THE [DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION](#) **PRIOR TO VISIT**
- [PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A DRIVER APPLICATION OF A MINOR](#) IF APPLICABLE
- [PARENTAL CONSENT CERTIFICATION\\* OF DRIVING EXPERIENCE](#) IF APPLICABLE
- [NOTICE AND CONSENT TO ROAD TEST VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING](#) (PARENTAL SIGNATURE NEEDED IF A MINOR)

## REQUIRED VEHICLE DOCUMENTS

YOU MUST BRING ALL THE BELOW DOCUMENTS INTO THE OFFICE FOR THE VEHICLE YOU ARE USING. IF THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN FLORIDA **YOU MUST HAVE FLORIDA PIP/PDL** INSURANCE.

- CURRENT** FLORIDA OR OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION *(Not expired or for future date)*
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- IF APPLICABLE** RENTAL AGREEMENT AND [RENTAL VEHICLE AFFIDAVIT](#)

## DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TEST APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

PAPER WORK MUST BE COMPLETED AND DOCUMENTS GATHERED PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

- ARRIVE 5 MINUTES PRIOR** TO YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT TIME OR LOSE YOUR APPOINTMENT
- TESTS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY *(No walk in's)*
- MAKE YOUR [APPOINTMENT ONLINE](#) *(If you are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and require a Sign Language Interpreter, please [Contact Our Office](#) 2 weeks in advance prior to scheduling an appointment to make arrangements.)*
- TESTS ARE GIVEN AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE LOCATED AT **904 301 BLVD W. BRADENTON 34205**
- FOR INFORMATION ON TAKING THE CLASS E DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TEST AFTER HOURS OR ON THE WEEKENDS CONTACT **AULT'S DRIVER EDUCATION CENTER AT 941-355-4202 OR BY EMAIL AT [aaults@verizon.net](mailto:aaults@verizon.net)** OR VISIT <https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/driver-license-exams/> FOR A LIST OF OTHER PRIVATE PROVIDERS.

## VEHICLE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS ... ALL WILL APPLY

- HORN MUST BE HEARD FROM 200 FEET
- DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS
- KNOWLEDGE OF HAND SIGNALS *(If directional signals are not working)*
- TWO (2) BRAKE LIGHTS MUST WORK
- HEADLIGHTS
- DOORS MUST OPEN FROM INSIDE & OUTSIDE
- DRIVER & PASSENGER WINDOWS MUST WORK
- CAR MUST BE CLEAN *(We reserve the right not to administer a driving skills road test)*
- EMERGENCY BRAKE MUST WORK
- TIRES MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION (Cannot be worn)
- WINDSHIELD WIPERS MUST WORK IF RAINING
- SOME VEHICLES DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS *(Refer to Florida Drivers Handbook)*
- GAS GAUGE CANNOT DISPLAY (E) EMPTY
- IF APPLICABLE, REQUIRED ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT MUST BE INSTALLED AND WORKING PROPERLY

**The items listed above are not inclusive; please refer to the official Florida Drivers Handbook for additional information**

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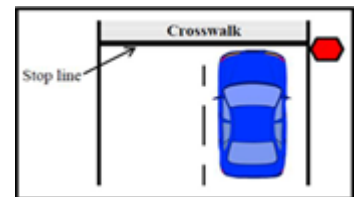
## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN TAKING THE DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TEST

DURING YOUR DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TEST, THE DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINER WILL GIVE YOU DIRECTIONS AS TO WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO NEXT. THERE ARE NO TRICKS ON THE TEST AND YOU WILL NOT BE ASKED TO DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE INSTRUCTIONS AND OBEY SPEED LIMITS AND TRAFFIC LAWS AT ALL TIMES. REMAIN CALM AT ALL TIMES AND PERFORM THE MANEUVERS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY. ALL TEST RESULTS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH YOU WHEN YOU AND THE EXAMINER HAVE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE AND ENTERED THE BUILDING. **THE EXAMINER'S DECISION ABOUT YOUR PERFORMANCE IS FINAL IN ALL CASES.**

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING MANEUVERS:

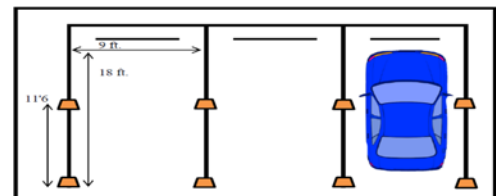
- APPROACH OF CROSSING** - GET IN THE PROPER LANE AND LOOK IN EACH DIRECTION. CHANGE GEARS SMOOTHLY AND CORRECTLY (IF YOUR CAR HAS A MANUAL SHIFT TRANSMISSION).
- BACKING** -BACK FOR A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET AT A SLOW SPEED. DO NOT USE THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR WHEN BACKING. YOU MUST LOOK TO THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE UNTIL THE VEHICLE COMES TO A COMPLETE STOP. ONLY USE YOUR MIRRORS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SEE OUT YOUR REAR WINDOW.
- FOLLOW AT A SAFE DISTANCE** - DO NOT DRIVE TOO CLOSELY BEHIND OTHER CARS. USE THE FOUR SECOND RULE.
- OBSERVE RIGHT-OF-WAY** - ALLOW PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS, PULL OVER AND STOP FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND DO NOT ENTER AN INTERSECTION WHERE YOU WILL INTERFERE WITH OTHER TRAFFIC.

- OBEY STOP SIGNS** - GIVE THE PROPER SIGNAL IF TURNING, APPROACH IN THE PROPER LANE, COME TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE REACHING THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK OR STOP LINE, AND REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL YOU CAN MOVE SAFELY WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH CROSS TRAFFIC OR PEDESTRIANS. KEEP IN MIND THAT MOST INTERSECTIONS CONTAIN LEGAL CROSSWALKS; MARKED OR UNMARKED. AN UNMARKED CROSSWALK IS THE PORTION OF THE ROADWAY AT AN INTERSECTION THAT WOULD CONNECT OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE STREET.



- OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS** - GET INTO THE PROPER LANE AND APPROACH THE LIGHT AT A SPEED THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO STOP IF THE LIGHT SHOULD CHANGE. WHEN YOU MUST STOP, STOP BEFORE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK OR STOP LINE. WHEN THE LIGHT TURNS GREEN, DO NOT MOVE FORWARD UNTIL THE OTHER TRAFFIC HAS CLEARED THE INTERSECTION. GIVE THE CORRECT SIGNAL FOR STOPPING AND TURNING. WATCH FOR "NO TURN" AND "ONE WAY" SIGNS.
- PASSING** - ALWAYS LOOK AHEAD AND BEHIND TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN PASS SAFELY. PASS ON THE LEFT, UNLESS THE CAR AHEAD IS ABOUT TO MAKE A LEFT TURN OR IS IN THE LEFT TURN LANE ON A STREET WITH MORE THAN ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION. DO NOT PASS ON THE SHOULDER (SIDE OF THE ROAD).
- SHIFT GEARS** -CHANGE GEARS SMOOTHLY AND CORRECTLY (IF YOUR CAR HAS A MANUAL SHIFT TRANSMISSION).

- STRAIGHT-IN PARKING** - PARK YOUR VEHICLE INSIDE THE PARKING SPACE STRAIGHT-IN. WHEN PROPERLY PARKED, THE VEHICLE SHOULD BE CENTERED INSIDE THE SPACE WITH NO PART OF THE VEHICLE EXTENDING OUT IN THE TRAFFIC LANE. THIS MANEUVER GIVES THE EXAMINER THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE YOUR ABILITY TO:



- A) HANDLE THE VEHICLE IN CLOSE QUARTERS
- B) JUDGE DISTANCE
- C) MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE AS YOU TURN INTO A STRAIGHT-IN PARKING SPACE

- STOP/START ON A GRADE** -THIS MANEUVER IS SIMULATED WHEN THE CAR IS IN THE STRAIGHT-IN PARKING SPACE OR WHEN THE CAR IS PULLED OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. YOU WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SHOW OR TELL THE EXAMINER WHAT YOU WOULD DO IF YOU WERE GOING TO LEAVE THE VEHICLE PARKED UP OR DOWN A HILL, WITH OR WITHOUT A CURB.

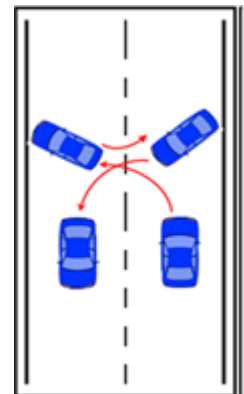
- STOP QUICKLY** - DRIVE AT 10 MILES PER HOUR AND MAKE A QUICK, SAFE STOP WHEN THE EXAMINER INSTRUCTS YOU.

- SIGNAL AND TURN** - GET INTO THE PROPER LANE AND SIGNAL YOUR TURN FOR THE LAST 100 FEET. YOU MAY USE EITHER HAND SIGNALS OR MECHANICAL SIGNALS. SLOW BEFORE REACHING THE CROSSWALK AND TURN INTO THE PROPER LANE.

- STAY IN PROPER LANE** - DRIVE IN THE RIGHT LANE EXCEPT ON A ONE-WAY STREET. DO NOT CHANGE LANES UNTIL YOU MAY DO SO SAFELY.

- TURNABOUT (THREE POINT TURN)** - TURN YOUR CAR AROUND IN A 30' TO 40' SPACE.

- USE PROPER POSTURE** - KEEP BOTH HANDS ON THE STEERING WHEEL AND DO NOT REST YOUR ELBOW IN THE WINDOW.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** DRIVING SKILLS ROAD TESTS ARE GIVEN DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER. HOWEVER, THE EXAMINER CAN SUSPEND A TEST IF THE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE TOO SEVERE. IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE TAKING THE TEST DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, YOU MAY RESCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT.