

Taxi Test Definitions

Controls

Precautions: Safety checks before starting the engine. Making sure the handbrake is in the on position and the gear stick is in a neutral position. The driver should make all necessary adjustments to allow control of the vehicle at all times.

Clutch: Correct use of the clutch pedal. Timing of the clutch pedals depression and lease. Having smooth operation and control throughout the levers travel. Avoiding uncontrolled coasting.

Footbrake: Correct use of the footbrake pedal. Using the brake pedal in good time to allow smooth operation and control throughout the levers travel. Showing knowledge of cadence braking when the need to arises and performing an emergency stop under full control if required.

Accelerator: Correct use of the foot accelerator pedal. Timing of the accelerator pedals depression and lease. Smooth operation and control throughout the levers travel.

Gears: Correct use of the gear stick and gear selection when changing gear ensuring the road speed and engine speed match the gear selected. Gear selection should demonstrate awareness of ECO driving. Not travelling with the gear stick in a neutral position.

Steering wheel: Correct use of the steering wheel avoiding under or over steering. Having one hand in contact with the steering wheel at all times when the vehicle is moving. Smooth progressive movement of the steering wheel and remaining in control of the vehicle at all times.

Parking brake: Correct operation of the parking brake and used when necessary.

Ancillary controls: You should before moving off be familiar and aware of with all the vehicle controls including their operation.

Procedure

Speed: Driving at an appropriate speed to match the surroundings and conditions of the area and road you are travelling along. Obeying all traffic signs, road markings and instructions relating to speed.

Mirrors: Making correct and effective adjustment of the mirrors. Making effective use of the mirrors to react safely and correctly to what is observed.

Signals: Signalling correctly, when necessary and properly timed.

Positioning: Taking the correct position for stops, normal driving and lane discipline.

Awareness: Being aware of your surroundings, anticipating the movement of other road users to enable you to take appropriate action in good time.

Planning: Having all round awareness and responding to hazards in good time.

Observations: Making effective observations via use of the mirrors and the checking of blind spots.

Reversing

Turn in the road: Control and observation.

Reverse park: Control and observation.

Reverse in to a side road: Control and observation.

Junctions

Turning left: Making effective observations signalling intention before manoeuvring into position. Ensuring the correct speed on approach, positioning correctly for the turn. Checking the road being turned into is safe and clear of obstructions.

Turning right: Making effective observations signalling intention before manoeuvring into position. Ensuring the correct speed on approach, positioning correctly for the turn. Checking the road being turned into is safe and clear of obstructions.

Response to traffic

Signs/Lights/Markings: Responding correctly and in good time as stated in the Highway Code.

Vehicle safety checks: Demonstration of the knowledge required to conduct safety checks on the vehicle to ensure the vehicles safe use on the road.

