

### **Do you have control of the car?**

Other drivers should not have to swerve or stop suddenly because of your mistakes. Drive defensively, watch for other drivers, and know the right-of-way laws listed in the *Oregon Driver Manual*.

### **How's your speed?**

You should drive at about the same speed as other traffic but not go above the speed limit. Do not pass, but don't go so slowly that there are many vehicles behind you.

### **Do you signal properly?**

You must signal for all turns and lane changes. Practice so signaling becomes just another good driving habit.

### **Do you make proper lane changes?**

You must know when and how to complete a lane change safely, smoothly and easily. The examiner won't tell you when to change lanes to prepare for a turn. Remember to check your vehicle's left or right rear blind spot by turning your head before changing lanes.

### **Can you turn?**

You must be in the correct lane and driving at the proper speed for every turn. You need to know the laws about turning from and onto one-way streets and turns on red lights.

Different traffic situations require different skills. Study and practice the following situations to prepare for your behind-the-wheel test. Some of the traffic situations you can expect include:

### **Unexpected obstacles**

Watch for pedestrians, cars pulling out and into traffic, bicycles, and other traffic. Drive defensively and be ready to react to unexpected situations.

### **Controlled intersections**

These intersections have "stop" or "yield" signs, flashing red or yellow lights, or a full red-yellow-green signal.

### **Uncontrolled intersections**

These intersections don't have signs, so you must use your judgment on who yields or stops. Be a defensive driver and prepare to yield as necessary.

### **Yielding**

Know when to slow down and yield, when to come to a full stop and the right-of-way laws. Also know how to merge and yield when entering a freeway. Know special laws about pedestrians.

### **School Zones**

School zones will be scored as if school was in session throughout the test

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## **ARE YOU READY?**

The key to passing your drive test is being prepared. Study the Oregon Driver Manual and, above all, practice, practice, practice. You should be comfortable driving on residential streets as well as in city traffic. If you know the rules of the road and use them when you drive, you will develop good driving habits that will help you on your test.

## **GET SET....**

Call your local DMV office to make an appointment. You can locate the DMV office nearest to you online at [www.oregondmv.com](http://www.oregondmv.com). You should call at least two to three weeks before you want to take your test. Have all your documents signed and ready before you go to DMV. Check the equipment on the vehicle you will be using.

## **GO!!!**

You might be a little nervous when it comes time for the test. Most people are. If you remember the driving tips in this fact sheet and the Oregon Driver Manual and have practiced, you have a good chance of passing on the first try. Drive safely and good luck!

## **What to expect on your drive test**

- **What to bring**
- **If you are under 18**
- **Equipment check**
- **Driving skills**



# **DMV**

**Oregon Driver  
and Motor Vehicles Services**  
**Driver Information Series**



## Congratulations

So, you're going to take a drive test. This pamphlet will provide you with pertinent information about the drive test.

## What to bring

Here are the documents you need to bring with you to the test site:

### Proof of current liability insurance

The card sent to you from your insurance company which shows your insurance expiration date for the vehicle you are using on the drive test.

### Proof of registration

This includes current stickers on the front and rear plates of the vehicle you plan to use on the drive test.

### Proof of legal presence, full legal name, identity and date of birth

You will need to present the same documentation used to prove legal presence, full legal name, identity, and date of birth that you used when you applied for your driver license or permit. This could be a U. S. government issued birth certificate, U.S. passport or other government issued document. Check the DMV website at [www.oregondmv.com](http://www.oregondmv.com) for up-to-date lists of acceptable documents.

### Proof of Social Security Number

You will be required to provide your social security number (SSN) on the application. DMV will verify the SSN with the Social Security Administration.

### Proof of residence address

If your address isn't on the documents showing your identity and date of birth, you will need to

bring another document which does. For a complete list check our website at [www.oregondmv.com](http://www.oregondmv.com).

### FEES:

\$9 drive test fee\*

\$60 class C license issuance fee

*\*Note: DMV charges a test fee each time you take a test.*

You must pay test fees in advance. Please bring a separate payment for your test fee and your issuance fee. For example, two checks: one for your test(s) and one for your license.

## Under 18 years of age

Your parent or legal guardian must sign the application. They are certifying that you completed the required supervised driving experience requirements and giving their consent for you to take the drive test and obtain a license.

If you are married or an emancipated minor, you must present proof and then a parent or legal guardian's signature is not required.

You must:

- Certify that you have at least 50 hours of supervised driving and present a completion certificate from an ODOT-approved traffic safety education course (driver education),  
or
- Certify that you have at least 100 hours of supervised driving.

The Oregon Parent Guide to Teen Driving is available from DMV to help your parent or legal guardian prepare you for your drive test. It has a

Practice Driving Log to help you keep track of your supervised driving hours.

If you have not already taken it, you will need to take the Safe Driving Practices knowledge test before you can get your license.

## First we check the vehicle equipment

Your test will take approximately 15 minutes. Your vehicle must be in good working order for the test. If your vehicle does not pass the equipment checks your test will be canceled and you will have to reschedule. Check your vehicle's safety equipment before you come to DMV.

Here is the safety equipment the examiner will check:

- Headlights
- Brake lights
- Fenders
- Rearview mirror
- Turn signal lights
- Seatbelts
- Muffler
- Foot brake (or hand brake as needed)
- Horn
- Tires
- Valid license plates on front and back of vehicle
- Working speedometer

The examiner will also check to see if the inside and outside door handle on the passenger's door works and if a proper passenger seat is next to

the driver. Tail lights, windshield wipers, and defroster also will be checked if weather or light conditions require them. Please turn off all audio systems and cell phones and remove objects from the dashboard and the rearview mirror. The examiner will ask you to start your vehicle. If the vehicle won't start (no jump starting and pushing of the vehicle) the test must be rescheduled.

## Next we test your driving skills

The behind-the-wheel test measures the skills required for safe driving. The examiner will not ask you to do anything illegal or try to trick you in any way.

Here are the things the examiner will look for on your behind-the-wheel test:

### Do you know the meaning of signs and traffic signals?

You must know the meanings of and obey different signs, traffic signals, and pavement markings you see when driving.

### Can you back up?

The examiner will ask you to back up. You should turn your head to see behind and beside you and to check your position and the position of other cars near you. Do not use your mirrors except for an occasional glance. You should be able to back up on the first try.

### Are you aware of what's going on around you?

You must watch for other traffic and react accordingly. Look out for pedestrians, traffic signals and signs, bicycles, and anything else which might affect your driving.