

Congratulations! You've passed your theory test...



Taking the practical test?

Before you book your practical driving test, I would like you to consider the following, 'More people fail the practical driving test each year compared to those who are successful'.

Why do people fail their practical test? See below...



The pass rate for the practical driving test is **only 43%**

Over the years I have conducted or accompanied thousands of driving tests and, in my opinion, the main cause of failure is inexperience. Preparation is the key to success. Take professional advice. It's unlikely that anyone other than an Approved Driving Instructor would have the experience, knowledge and training

to teach you properly. Check your progress using DSA's Driver's Record which helps you to assess where you are on the official learning to drive syllabus. Research shows that, on average, people who take about 40 hours professional training, combined with plenty of private practice, stand the best chance of passing. If you're

not consistently getting it right with your instructor, you're not ready to take your test. To help you avoid the most common pitfalls* here is a list of the top ten reasons why people fail.



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- ➔ **Observation at junctions**
Ineffective observation and judgement
- ➔ **Reverse parking**
Ineffective observation or a lack of accuracy
- ➔ **Use of mirrors**
Not checking or not acting on the information
- ➔ **Reversing around a corner**
Ineffective observation or a lack of accuracy
- ➔ **Incorrect use of signals**
Not cancelling or giving misleading signals

- ➔ **Moving away safely**
Ineffective observation
- ➔ **Incorrect positioning on the road**
At roundabouts or on bends
- ➔ **Lack of steering control**
Steering too early or leaving it too late
- ➔ **Incorrect positioning to turn right**
At junctions and in one way streets
- ➔ **Inappropriate speed**
Travelling too slowly or being hesitant

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* Top ten reasons based on twelve months to January 2004