

***The key to passing your drive test
is being prepared.***

Study the Washington Driver Guide, and, above all, practice, practice, practice.

You should be comfortable driving in all traffic situations. Know the rules of the road and obey them. Test in a vehicle you are familiar with.

Like most people, you might be a little nervous about taking the test. If you have practiced and remember the driving tips in this brochure and in the Driver Guide, you have a good chance of passing on the first try.

If your test is delayed, please be patient. We may not be able to conduct tests as rapidly on busy days.

Drive safely and good luck!

Notes:

Your Drive Test Appointment



Things to Know About the Test

Before your drive test can begin, there are a few items we need to see. You will be required to show us:

- **Your identification.**
- **Proof of current liability insurance** indicating the name of the policy holder, or vehicle description, and the dates the policy begins and ends. Staff cannot verify proof of insurance by phone. Faxing insurance verification to our office may result in rescheduling your appointment.

• Hand signals.

We will also check your **vehicle equipment**. If any equipment is not working, we will not conduct your test. We will check your:

- Brake lights (including the center light).
- Turn signals.
- Seat belts (must lock and unlock properly).
- License plate (must be valid and attached).
- Parking brake.
- Windshield (checked for any items or cracks that impair safe vision).
- Passenger door (must open and close from the inside and outside).
- Driver's door window (must roll down far enough to allow you to use hand signals).
- Mirrors (outside left and inside rearview or outside left and outside right mirrors are required).
- Windshield wipers, headlights, and defrosters (if weather requires use).

Rental vehicles may only be used by licensed drivers.

Only you, an examiner, a service animal, and an interpreter for the deaf or hard of hearing are allowed in the vehicle during the test. Sometimes a supervisor or one of our staff-in-training may ride along as an observer. If you have an objection, please tell us at the start of the test.

No weapons are allowed in the vehicle.

Driving skills. The behind-the-wheel test measures skills required for safe driving. We will not ask you to do anything illegal or try to trick you in any way. You must obey all laws, rules, signs, and signals. During the test, do not engage in general conversation. This will allow you to focus on driving.

You will be instructed where to drive and what maneuvers to perform. If we don't tell you otherwise, drive straight ahead. During the test you will be scored with the understanding that other traffic is present, whether it actually is or not. You may use electric turn indicators or hand and arm signals. If turn indicators cannot be seen, you must use hand and arm signals.

Here are some of the items we will look for during your test:

- **Your ability to stop your vehicle quickly.** You will be directed to put your foot on the gas pedal and step on the brake as quickly as you can when told to stop.

- **Proper identification of signs and lights.** You must know the meanings of different signs, lights, and pavement markings.
- **Proper backing technique.** You will be directed to back your vehicle around a corner to the right, staying as close to the edge of the street as you can, and safely continue backing in a straight line until directed to stop.
- **Your ability to park on a hill.** You will be directed to park your vehicle as if you were going to leave it unattended.
- **Parallel parking ability.** You will be directed to back into a parking space, either between four poles, two vehicles, or one vehicle with an imaginary vehicle parked about 1 1/2 car lengths to the rear.
- **Safe entry into traffic from a stopped position.** You will be directed to drive to the edge of the road and stop, then directed to reenter traffic.
- **Speed limits.** Be aware of the speed limit. Do not exceed the limit, but don't drive so slowly that you impede others.



If you score 80 or better and have not committed a dangerous action or violation, congratulations, you have passed your test!