

Section 13
On-road Driving

This Section Covers
• How You Will Be Tested

You will drive over a test route that has a variety of traffic situations. At all times during the test, you must drive in a safe and responsible manner; and you must:

- **Wear your safety belt.**
- **Obey all traffic signs, signals, and laws.**
- **Complete the test without an accident or moving violation.**

During the driving test, the examiner will be scoring you on specific driving maneuvers as well as on your general driving behavior. You will follow the directions of the examiner. Directions will be given to you so you will have plenty of time to do what the examiner has asked. You will not be asked to drive in an unsafe manner.

If your test route does not have certain traffic situations, you may be asked to simulate a traffic situation. You will do this by telling the examiner what you are or would be doing if you were in that traffic situation.

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13.1.1 – Turns

You have been asked to make a turn:

- **Check traffic in all directions.**
- **Use turn signals and safely get into the lane needed for the turn.**

As you approach the turn:

- **Use turn signals to warn others of your turn.**
- **Slow down smoothly, change gears as needed to keep power, but do not coast unsafely.**
- **Unsafe coasting occurs when your vehicle is out of gear (clutch depressed or gearshift in neutral) for more than the length of your vehicle.**

If you must stop before making the turn:

- **Come to a smooth stop without skidding.**
- **Come to a complete stop behind the stop line, crosswalk, or stop sign.**
- **If stopping behind another vehicle, stop where you can see the rear tires on the vehicle ahead of you (safe gap).**
- **Do not let your vehicle roll.**
- **Keep the front wheels aimed straight ahead.**
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When ready to turn:

- **Check traffic in all directions.**
- **Keep both hands on the steering wheel during the turn.**
- **Keep checking your mirror to make sure the**

- **vehicle does not hit anything on the inside of the turn.**
- **Vehicle should not move into oncoming traffic**
- **Vehicle should finish turn in correct lane.**

After turn:

- **Make sure turn signal is off.**
- **Get up to speed of traffic, use turn signal, and move into right-most lane when safe to do so (if not already there).**
- **Check mirrors and traffic.**

13.1.2 – Intersections

As you approach an intersection:

- **Check traffic thoroughly in all directions.**
- **Decelerate gently.**
- **Brake smoothly and, if necessary, change gears.**
- **If necessary, come to a complete stop (no coasting) behind any stop signs, signals, sidewalks, or stop lines maintaining a safe gap behind any vehicle in front of you.**
- **Your vehicle must not roll forward or backward.**

When driving through an intersection:

- **Check traffic thoroughly in all directions.**
- **Decelerate and yield to any pedestrians and traffic in the intersection.**
- **Do not change lanes while proceeding through the intersection.**
- **Keep your hands on the wheel.**

Once through the intersection:

- **Continue checking mirrors and traffic.**
- **Accelerate smoothly and change gears as necessary.**

13.1.3 – Urban Business

During this part of the test, you are expected to

- **Make regular traffic checks**
- **Maintain a safe following distance.**
- **Your vehicle should be centered in the proper lane (right-most lane)**
- **Keep up with the flow of traffic but not exceed the posted speed limit.**

13.1.4 – Lane Changes

During multiple lane portions of the test, you will be asked to change lanes to the left, and then back to the right.

- **Make the necessary traffic checks**
- **Use proper signals**
- **Smoothly change lanes when it is safe to do so.**