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Although studying for the test and practicing the required driving skills is an excellent first step to getting your driving permit, it isn't sufficient for many drivers. Its tasking to take a driving test in-person with a test administrator or on a computer at the DMV. You can retake the DMV test, but you'll have to pay the fee and reschedule for another day. In the U.S., some states put restrictions on the number of times you can take tests all year. In California, the maximum number of times you can take the written test is three times in 12 months. It is expected that during this timeframe, you must pass both tests. Below are some common questions missed by new drivers and their correct answers on the written driving test. At What Level of Blood Alcohol Concentration Are You Impaired? This is tricky because the answer may not correlate with your states legal maximum alcohol concentration in blood. Generally, impairment begins between 0.03 and 0.05 percent. Although, if you asked to state the legal blood alcohol concentration, you'll have to answer in line with your state laws. For instance, in California, it is illegal for anyone above 21 to drive a car with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent in the blood. However, the legal limit is reduced to 0.01 percent for anyone below 21. Who Has the Right-of-Way When? The DMV permit test is structured to ensure you know who has the right-of-way in any situation. These right-of-way rules forestall accidents by clearly stating who should go first and who has to wait for their turn. For instance: When you're driving along a narrow mountain, and there's only sufficient width for one vehicle, the vehicle traveling uphill has the right-of-way. Downhill vehicles are to pull over (preferably in an area designated for this purpose) to give way for the uphill vehicle to proceed past. When two vehicles come together at a four-way stop simultaneously from perpendicular directions, the vehicle at the furthest right has the right-of-way. Vehicles moving straight across an intersection with a green light have the right of way; any vehicle turning left on a green light must give way to those oncoming vehicles. The rules about this subject are applicable across all states nationwide, so you need not worry about state-specific rules on this subject. Modern cars frequently have automatic headlights that turn on as natural light dims, as most people don't know there are rules regarding when you must use headlights. The answer is that you have to switch on your headlights at least thirty minutes before sunset until thirty minutes after sunrise. Which Way Should Your Steering Wheel Face When Parking Uphill? Drivers who reside in geographically flat areas and seldom park on a hillside often miss this question. However, the answer is logical and excellent. You want to park so that gravity would stop your vehicle if it starts to roll so. If you're parking your vehicle facing uphill, don't let your steering wheel face the direction of the curb. If gravity begins pulling on your vehicle, the curb will prevent your vehicle from rolling into any other thing on the street. More importantly, don't forget to apply your parking brake! When is the best time to enter an intersection? You may feel it is acceptable to enter an intersection when you have the right of way or when the light turns green. However, the DMV exam wants to ensure you practice defensive driving (a driver who's ready for the improper actions of other drivers). So, to correctly answer this question, always mention "when it is safe to do so" or "when other vehicles have cleared the intersection." What Does [This Sign] Mean? Know your signs at your fingertips! During the teen permit knowledge test, the instructors always ask one or two questions about signage. These could be warning signs (winding roads, side roads, deer crossing, etc.) or traffic signs (railroad tracks, school, yield, etc.). So make out extra study time to memorize and review signs. When Are You Allowed to Overtake a Slower Car? Several drivers feel they can go through the center turning lane to pass a slow-moving vehicle, and this action is wrong. The only times you can pass a car on a two-lane road is when there are: A dotted line in the center signifies that either side can pass through the oncoming lane. A center line is dotted on the sides nearest you and solid on one side. The dotted side may only use the oncoming lane to pass. Avoid crossing a solid line to pass. What are you expected to do if you have a tire blowout? Its surprising how people not only get lost in emergencies but also in questions relating to emergencies. The correct answer is to allow your car slow to a stop, while any other option can result in loss of car control. When is it required to use your parking lights on the roadway at night? Without even thinking, you can answer "always." Your answer will be incorrect since this aspect only applies to parking outside towns and cities. Several applicants select general answers, while correct answers are more specific. Final thoughts! If you feel you've gained mastery of the driving materials, go online and access yourself with practice tests. Several online drivers ed courses include unlimited driving test prep resources. In addition, you could reach out to your local DMV to see if they offer an app that lets you take online simulated practice tests on your phone. [California Permit & Driver License] Failing the California drive test can be a disheartening experience, whether you are a teen eagerly awaiting the freedom of your first license or an adult looking to improve mobility. Understanding what happens next and how to prepare for a retest can make the process smoother and less stressful. In this article, we will cover the steps you need to take if you fail the California drive test, provide tips for your next attempt, and answer common questions. Feedback Session: After your test, the examiner will give you a detailed breakdown of your performance. This includes specific areas where you need improvement. Immediate Re-Test Eligibility: In California, there is no waiting period for adults 18 years old and older to retake the drive test. NOTE: Teens under 18 years old must wait 14 days to retake a failed behind-the-wheel drive test, not including the day of the failure. This waiting period gives you time to practice and improve on the areas you missed. Retest Fees: Retest Fee: There is a fee for retaking the drive test. Ensure you have this covered to avoid any delays in scheduling your next attempt. Common Reasons for Failing the Drive Test: Understanding why you failed can help you avoid making the same mistakes. Common reasons include: Nervousness and Anxiety: Many people fail due to nervousness, which can lead to mistakes. Practice relaxation techniques to help stay calm during your next test. Lack of Practice: Insufficient practice is a major factor. Ensure you have ample driving experience in various conditions, especially in business and residential areas. Traffic Law Violations: This includes failing to stop completely at stop signs, speeding, or not yielding the right-of-way. Poor Vehicle Control: Inability to control the vehicle smoothly, including parking, turning, and reversing. Tips for Preparing for Your Retest: Practice Regularly: Simulate Test Conditions: Practice driving under similar conditions to what you will face during the test, including busy streets and different weather conditions. Work on Weaknesses: Focus on the specific areas where you received negative feedback. Take a Drivers Training Course: Professional Guidance: Consider enrolling in a drivers training course. Professional instructors can provide valuable feedback and tips. Stay Calm and Confident: Mental Preparation: Practice relaxation techniques such as deep breathing or visualization to reduce anxiety. Positive Mindset: Approach your retest with a positive attitude. Confidence can significantly impact your performance. Frequently Asked Questions: 1. How many times can I retake the California drive test? You can take the drive test up to three times on a permit before you have to reapply, retake the written test, and pay the application fee again. 2. What if I fail the drive test three times? If you fail three times, you must start the process over, including paying the application fee and retaking the written test. 3. Can I take the test at a different DMV location? Yes, you can schedule your retest at any DMV location that offers the drive test. Choose a location where you feel more comfortable. 4. What should I bring to the retest? Failing the California drive test is not the end of the road. With the right preparation, practice, and mindset, you can improve your driving skills and pass the test on your next attempt. Remember to learn from your mistakes, stay calm, and approach the retest with confidence. Good luck! For more tips and resources on passing the California drive test, visit our blog and stay updated with the latest driving news and advice. Can I apply for my REAL ID drivers license? Test If applying for a REAL ID DL, two residency documents are required. If you are 15-17 years old, you will need to provide proof that you completed driver education (certificate of completion of driver education) or are enrolled and participating in an approved integrated driver education/driver training (DE/DT) program (certificate of enrollment in an integrated [classroom] driver education and driver training program). What is Financial Responsibility (Insurance)? Proof of financial responsibility must be always carried in the vehicle. Most Californians maintain financial responsibility through insurance companies, which provide the policy holder with an identification card to be used as proof of coverage. The card must state the insurance companys name and address, the period of coverage, and policy number. Financial responsibility in California requires that drivers and vehicle owners carry the following minimum dollar limits: \$30,000 for injury/death to one person, \$60,000 for injury/death to more than one person, \$15,000 for damage to property. Note: When parents or guardians sign for a minor to get a DL, they are stating that they will accept financial responsibility for that minor. Im almost 18. Do I need to take driver education/driver training (DE/DT) in order to get my instruction permit? If you are over 17 but under 18 years of age, you may get your instruction permit without the DE/DT certificates. However, you will not be able to take the driving test until you are 18 years of age. What do I do if I completed my DE/DT in another state? (Applies to applicants under 18 years of age) If your DE/DT were completed in a state other than California, DMV will accept a letter from your out-of-state secondary school on the schools official stationery. The letter must be signed by a school official stating that the completed courses you have taken are equivalent to a California secondary school course as described in Section 10020 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations and on form To Secondary Schools Other Than California Schools (DL 33). Obtain a DL 33 form from your local DMV officer by calling DMV at 1-800-777-0133. Send the DL 33 form to your out-of-state school for completion. An out-of-state driving instruction permit is not acceptable proof of DE/DT. What if my provisional instruction permit expires before I take the driving test? The California Drivers License or ID Card Application and fee is valid for 12 months after you apply. If your application expires before you have held your provisional instruction permit for the required six months to take your driving test, you'll need to reapply at a DMV office. You will get cumulative credit for the time you held your instruction permit that counts towards your six-month requirement. Make sure to bring both your expired and valid provisional instruction permits when you take your driving test to show proof of credit. When is the knowledge test available? In-office knowledge tests can be completed during DMV business hours. Testing in-office must be started before 4:30 p.m. Study the handbook and make use of the practice tests we want you to pass! If I have a valid drivers license from another country, do I need an accompanying driver to and from the drive test? Yes. California drivers need to take a drivers license written exam at the DMV before scheduling their road test and getting their license. To take a written drivers license exam in California, you must first book your appointment with a licensing center. Not all DMV centers in California offer licensing and driver exams. Therefore, you must find a licensing center and then schedule your driving test appointment. Scheduling a DMV appointment for basic things, like transferring tags, can take a month or more to book. The wait times for a driving test are not any better and much worse in many cases. Before you venture to the DMV to take your written exam, learn more about what to expect and how far ahead you need to schedule your written exam. How Do You Prepare for the California Drivers License Written Exam? Before you can obtain your drivers license in California, you must first practice with a driving permit under 18. The only way to get a driving permit is to pass the California drivers license written exam. All other California drivers, including people who move from other states to California, must still demonstrate their knowledge of California road laws. Taking a written driving test is not something you should ever take lightly. It would help if you studied the laws affecting California drivers. It is essential to maintain good study habits for the written test. Taking notes while studying the California Drivers Handbook can help you read. Some websites and organizations even offer sample test questions to give you a feel for what to expect on your written driving exam. Even the California DMV website offers sample tests you can use to practice your test-taking skills and enhance your driving knowledge. Students can take a practice written drivers test to help them know what they understand, what they need to study more, and the test format to make the process easier. To pass your driving test, you must receive at least an 83%. Out of 46 questions, you must answer 38 correctly. To do so, you must ensure you are thoroughly prepared to take your test. If you study hard and take the practice exams available for you, you should pass with flying colors. However, if you fail your test the first time, you need to wait seven days to retake the exam. How Do I Take a Written Driving Test in California? To take your written driving exam in California, you must first make an appointment. Under normal circumstances, the wait time for a driving test appointment is typically a few days. However, with the COVID-19 restrictions, the DMV does not plan on taking new appointments until the middle of February. The DMV does not make any DMV test appointments after 4:30 p.m. Furthermore, it is essential to have all of your paperwork and certification in hand before scheduling your appointment. Otherwise, you risk having to reschedule your exam for a later date, which could take weeks. You may get your driving permit at 15 years of age and your license at 16. Therefore, you may wish to get online to make your appointment for your written test 2 to 3 weeks before turning 15 years of age. If you want to wait to make your DMV test appointment, it may be best to sign on and make it as soon as your reach 15 years of age, allowing you to take the exam about 2 to 3 weeks out. Once you arrive for your test, the DMV wait time should be minimal since you have an appointment. Currently, no walk-in testing is available. However, if it becomes available, you may wait at the DMV another 2 to 3 hours before taking your written exam. When Can I Take my California Driving Test? Six months after you receive your permit, if you are under 18, you can schedule your driving test appointment. If you are over 18, you can immediately schedule your driving test appointment after passing your written exam and obtaining your driving permit. Make sure you know what to bring to your California road test. Follow this checklist to prepare for your road test on the day of your appointment. Make sure you have the following: Your permit Car insurance ID card Your certificate of Behind the Wheel training (if you are under 18 years old) You also want to ensure your vehicle is in perfect working order to pass the exam. Perfect working order means that your car would pass any typical inspection and not receive a ticket for any issues. Make sure the following works well in your car: Seatbelts Rearview mirrors Sideview mirrors Parking brake Turn signals Brake lights Also, make sure your tires are in excellent condition and remove any objects hanging from your mirror or attached to your dashboard. Your testing instructor will not remove items from your windshield, so you must remove them before the test. Final Thoughts Taking your written driving test is the first step toward obtaining your California drivers license. It can be an exciting and scary undertaking, so make sure you prepare for the test. Then, wait until an appointment opens up. To learn more about scheduling your written driving exam, contact the experts at Alliance Defensive Driving School. Our licensed professionals will be happy to answer any questions you have. michaeljung/Stock/Getty Images Everyone knows the old maxim: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. But are you allowed to do that with your knowledge test for your driving permit? Every state has its own rules about what happens if you fail your permit test, so you'll need to talk to people at your local DMV. Most states are very forgiving about missing a first attempt to ace the permit test and do allow you to do a repeat or two. You may be just 16 years old and have come into the DMV with your parents, or perhaps you're a mature adult just learning to drive. In either case, you probably need driving practice before wheeling out into San Francisco, Manhattan or Chicago traffic. To this end, all states set up permitting procedures that allow those just learning to drive to get behind the wheel legally, with supervision. To obtain this type of driving permit, you have to go to the DMV, pay a fee and take a written test. In many states, it is the same knowledge test given as the first step to getting a driver's license. It is a multiple choice test, and, if you get at least the minimum number of questions correct, you are given a learner's permit. This allows you to drive, but imposes conditions, including the presence of a licensed driver in the car with you. Lots of people pass the permit test the first time round, but many don't. What do you do? Of course, you try again. Your state will have rules about how soon you can retake the test, how many tries you get, and whether you have to pay for retries. Each state provides opportunities for you to retake the test. For example, in Maryland, a prospective driver gets three attempts to pass the test. You must pass it within 90 days from the time you first apply. If you fail the test, you have to wait 24 hours before you try again, and you also have to pay a reexamination fee each time. The same rules apply in Indiana, where you need to get 28 of 34 multiple choice questions correct to pass. In Oklahoma, you'll have to get 40 out of the 50 multiple choice questions correct to pass. If you don't pass the permit test the first time, you may take it again, and again, and again, leaving one day between attempts. Each subsequent try is \$4. New York gives you as many chances as you need to pass the permit test. And the exam is only 20 questions, of which you must get 16 correct. California is not quite that generous. You only have three chances to get 38 of the 46 questions correct, and you must wait a week between tries. Tips Every state has its own rules for how many times you can take your permit test. But don't worry. You'll be allowed to take it a second time, and sometimes even a third. If you fail your driver's license test three times in California, you have to begin the application process all over again. You must submit all of the same information you did the first time, including your Social Security number, identification, name and birth date. You can then take the written test a second time for your learner's permit, which will give you another three chances to pass the driving test. What Happens If I Fail My Driving Test 3 Times in California Image Credit: Marjan Apostolovic/Stock/Getty Images If you've failed your road test three times in California and you want to try again, your first step is to fill out and submit form DL 44. This is the same form you filled out when you applied the first time, but you can't get another chance at a road test without filling it out again. This form is not available for online download, but you can get one by visiting any Department of Motor Vehicles field office. As of publication, DMV field offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all other weekdays. You can also request form DL 44 by calling 800-777-0133. This number is available 24 hours a day, so it doesn't matter what time you call. When you submit your application form, you'll have to pay the \$35 application fee again. If you fail the test on your fourth try, your next two tries will cost \$7 each. Along with your DL 44 and application fee, you must provide your Social Security number, proof of identity, proof of legal resident status and birth date. Your proof of identity cannot be a photocopy. It must be either the original version of the document or a certified copy. If you're a minor, you must also provide the certificate from your driver's education course. After you've provided all the necessary information, you have up to three tries to pass the written test. If you can't pass the written test on your third try, you have to start the application process over. You will also have to pass the vision test again with eyesight of better than 20/200 in at least one eye. You can wear glasses or contacts for this test if you need to. If you pass both the written and vision tests, the Department of Motor Vehicles will take your photograph and thumbprint. You will be given another learner's permit and authorized to take the driving test up to three times within the next 12 months. If you don't have your license by the end of the 12 months, or if you fail the test three times again, you'll have to repeat each of these steps. You must be at least 15 years old to take the California permit test. In addition, you must have completed and passed a state-mandated drivers education course (this does not apply to those over 17 years old). Do all first-time drivers need to take the permit test? Yes. All first-time drivers must apply for a permit, regardless of age. Adult applicants are not required to take drivers education. Despite this, many adults choose to take drivers education to improve their road knowledge and maximize their chances of passing the permit test. Where can I take the DMV written test? You can take the DMV written test at any DMV office in California that offers drivers licensing services. Do I need to book my learners permit test? Yes. You will need to make an appointment to take the permit test. This can be done online at www.dmv.ca.gov or by calling 1-800-777-0133. How much does it cost to take the permit test? It costs \$38 to take the CA permit test. If you fail the test three times, you will be required to pay an additional fee. Changes to fees can be found here on the DMV website. Do my parents need to accompany me to take the DMV written test? Yes. If you are under 18 years old, a parent or guardian must accompany you to the DMV office to obtain a learners permit. Can a sibling or another adult take me to my learners permit test? Yes, another adult may accompany you to the learners permit exam, if your guardians have signed and completed the application form beforehand. This may be done online. We recommend ensuring all your documents have been approved and reviewed before bringing a non-parent/guardian with you to the test. What do I need to take to my permit test appointment? When attending your permit test appointment, you will need to bring the following: A completed drivers license application form (unless you have chosen to apply online via the DMV website). This must be signed by a parent or guardian if you are under 18. Your social security card. Two documents that prove you are a California resident (mortgage bills, utility mail or bank statements, for instance). Your \$38 application fee. A Certificate of Completion to demonstrate you have passed drivers education (under 17-year-olds only). Your birth certificate, passport or CA ID card. Can I download and print a paper application form? No. Each drivers license application form has a unique barcode. If you wish to fill out a paper application you will need to pick a form up from a DMV office. How many questions are on the California permit test? Applicants under 18 years old will have 46 questions on their DMV written test and must answer at least 38 correctly. Adult applicants will face a 36-question permit test, with a minimum pass requirement of 30 correct answers. Are the permit test questions multiple choice? Yes. All the questions on the CA permit test are either multiple choice. Multiple choice questions may be accompanied by up to five possible permit test answers. Can I skip questions during the CA learners permit test? Yes, though only temporarily. Applicants may skip up to three questions during the exam but will still need to answer them at the end of the test. Is the CA permit test timed? No, there is no enforced time limit within which you must complete all questions on the permit test. Most applicants find that they can easily complete the assessment in around 45 to 60 minutes. Are my permit test answers marked as I go along? Yes. If you make a mistake the test will mark the error and allow you which of the remaining answers you should have chosen. If you surpass eight incorrect answers during the test, it will stop automatically. What topics are covered on the California permit test? All the information covered during the CA learners permit test can be found in the driving manual and will also be addressed during your drivers ed course. The permit test focuses on drivers general knowledge topics, such as rules of the road and road signs. How many road sign questions will be on the DMV permit test? The CA DMV does not specify how many road sign questions will be on the permit test. Is the permit test different for every applicant? Yes. The CA permit test is randomly generated from a large pool of general knowledge questions. This means you cannot cheat the assessment or predict precisely which questions you will be asked. How should I prepare for the learners permit test? Your drivers education course will bring you up to speed with all the information covered during the DMV written test. Alongside drivers ed, you should also read through all relevant information in the California driving manual. Working with reliable DMV practice permit tests - like those we provide - is also a great way to maximize your chances of passing first time. Can I refer to my driving manual while taking the permit test? No, unfortunately, the permit test is not an open book exam. You will not be allowed to refer to your CA driving handbook or any other educational materials while sitting the assessment. Am I allowed to use my cellphone during the permit test? No. Use of cellphones and other hand-held devices is strictly prohibited during the DMV written test. You will be asked to leave if you are found cheating. What are the most common mistakes people make during the permit test? Most errors are made because applicants rush through the test without taking enough time to consider each question. Make sure you read all the information presented with each question carefully. What happens if I fail the DMV written test? Permit applicants can take the general knowledge permit test up to three times in one day. If you fail your exam three times, you will have to go back to the beginning of the process, fill out a new application, and pay the appropriate fees. How to Pass Your CA Permit Test Make sure to prepare for your CA permit test. California Drivers Education is massively helpful for anyone trying to pass their exam. We recommend DriversEd coach for any and all new drivers in California. They're the very best at online California drivers ed. A written practice test with a great company like DMV-written-test is also a really helpful option. In California, DMV Written test takes questions from the actual exam and runs you through them before you arrive at the DPS. Seeing questions beforehand can be massively helpful and DMV-written-test does just that at the state of California. Californias DMV website states a person can take the driving permit test three times in one day. If the test is not passed after three times, there is a seven-day wait period before the person can retake it. An appointment is needed to apply for a driving permit in California, and the test is given as part of the permit application process. A score of 38 out of 46 questions is needed to pass the written test. After passing the written permit test, the applicant must pay a fee of \$33 to receive the permit. The drivers license application is good for 12 months after the application has been received, and the permit needs to be held for six months before the driver take the final drivers license test. MORE FROM REFERENCE.COM Skip to main content Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. The practical on-the-road DMV test is the last step before getting your driving license, and it is important to prepare for it as you would for any other exam. Some mistakes are allowed during your DMV test. You will have a few points subtracted from your score if you make them. However, some common driving mistakes beginners make lead to an automatic fail no matter what your test score would be. Here are 15 of the most common automatic fails to avoid making during your DMV driving test. You're reading one of our Beginner Drivers Guide articles. Need to practice for your upcoming exam? Take our free sample driving test - no registration required! 1Perhaps the most common mistakes and automatic fail to avoid during your DMV road test is making incomplete stops. Many drivers slow down, but do not actually come to a complete stop during the road test. You must come to a full stop, and behind the demarcation line. Be sure to stop before the line. 2Its not terribly difficult to signal your intention to change lanes, then check your mirrors and blind spot before changing lanes, however people fail to do it all the time, including during the DMV test. Be sure to change lanes properly! When your DMV test giver tells you to change lanes, first look, turn on your signal, check your rear view and side mirrors, turn your head to check for a car, truck or motorcycle in your blind spot, and only when it is clear should you change lanes. Be sure to watch out for traffic in front of you, too, and keep your speed up. 3Although demonstrating confidence behind the wheel is important during your test, dont be so confident that you drive one-handed. Keep both hands on the wheel when possible. Make hand-over-hand turns, and release from the turn with controlled slippage. 4Keep your cell phone and stereo off during your driving test. This is common sense, but it is surprising how many people are thinking or fidgeting with other things while taking their test. Focus on the task at hand, and keep your mind on the road. 5When you come to an intersection with stop signs, especially at four-way stops, be sure you know what to do if there are other cars waiting at the intersection. Wait your turn, then go. Be sure to signal your intentions if you are turning. Generally, if two cars arrive at an intersection at the same time, the car to the right goes first. 6It is unlikely that your DMV test administrator will take you onto the freeway, but should it happen, know how to merge safely from the entrance ramp into traffic at speed. Many beginners stop at the end of the ramp rather than merging, causing an unsafe situation. 7During your DMV test, it is important to display confidence. Being overly careful by driving considerably below the speed limit can cause unsafe conditions for yourself and other drivers. 8There are times when it is not safe to drive at the speed limit. If there is rain, fog, an accident or traffic congestion, slow down to a safe speed. 9Do not change lanes when passing through an intersection, whether you are going straight or making a turn. Even if the lane is clear and you are following the rules for proper lane changes, never do it in an intersection. Wait until you are safely past the intersection to make the lane change. 9Make sure you are familiar with how soft or hard the brakes are in the car you will be using during your DMV test. Hard braking is acceptable in emergency situations, but while slowing down or stopping, use just enough brake to get the job done, but not so much that you and your passenger are thrown forward. 10Be sure to stay several car lengths behind the traffic in front of you. Keep a safe distance so that if the car in front of you swerves or brakes, you will have enough reaction time to keep you and your passengers safe from harm. 11Stay within the speed limit even if other drivers are driving faster. Be aware of drops in the speed limit as well, especially in school zones, work zones and other special speed limit areas. 12If your state requires demonstration of parallel parking ability, the main factors to watch out for are not to hit other cars or to run over the curb. It is fine to touch the curb, but dont roll over it. Even if you get points taken off for not successfully parallel parking your car, as long as you dont hit a car or the curb too forcefully, you should still pass your test. 13It is sound advice that during your road DMV test you should check your mirrors more often than you normally would while driving. Many driving test-takers completely forget to regularly check their rear-view and side mirrors. Besides, its always a good idea to know where other vehicles are in relation to you even if you are not changing lanes. 14Make sure the car you bring to use for your practical DMV test complies with all safety laws. The windshield should not be cracked. The safety belts must work. Also make sure the headlights, tail lights, turn signals, and windshield wipers all function properly. Clean your car inside and out to ensure that there is no debris or personal items that could slide around causing hazardous driving conditions, and that your windows are clean for optimal visibility. If your car is not up to standard, you will have to retake your test another time. These 15 common mistakes made during the DMV test can be easily avoided, so be sure to practice driving enough that you will not make them. Here is an overview of the drivers license tests: Vision Test DMV tests all applicants to ensure they can see well enough to drive safely. If you take your vision test with corrective or contact lenses, your drivers license will have a corrective lenses restriction. If you do not pass your vision test, you will be asked to have your eye doctor complete a Report of Vision Examination (DL 62) form. For more information, visit dmv.ca.gov/vision-standards. Knowledge Test When you apply for an original drivers license, you must pass a knowledge test with multiple choice questions. You are allowed three attempts to pass before you must reapply. Minors must wait seven days to retake a failed knowledge test, not including the day of the failure. When renewing your drivers license, eLearning may be an alternative testing option. This is a no-fail, self-paced interactive modulated course with quizzes after each module. The course can be taken on a computer, laptop, tablet, or mobile device. Testing options will be available once you complete your application at dmv.ca.gov/dl. Important You are not allowed to use any testing aids during knowledge tests, such as a California Drivers Handbook or cell phone. Behind-the-Wheel Drive Test When you apply for an original drivers license, you will be tested on your ability to safely drive a vehicle. Upon renewal, drivers with a vision or medical condition may be required to take a behind-the-wheel test. The examiner may give two or more instructions at one time to determine whether you can understand and properly follow both directions. For example, At the next street, make a left turn, and then at the first intersection make another left turn. Visit dmv.ca.gov/make-an-appointment to schedule a behind-the-wheel drive test appointment. Your instruction permit or drivers license (if you have one). Another California-licensed driver who is at least 18 years old (25 for minors), unless you are already licensed to drive. A vehicle that is safe to drive for your test. Valid proof of insurance and vehicle registration. If you plan to use a rental vehicle for your drive test, your name must be listed on the rental contract. The contract must not exclude behind-the-wheel drive tests. Note Minors must wait 14 days to retake a failed behind-the-wheel drive test, not including the day of the failure. Driver window The window on the driver side must open. Windshield The windshield must allow a full, clear, unblocked view for you and the DMV examiner. Windshield cracks may postpone your test. Rear-view mirrors At least two rearview mirrors. One of them must be on the left side of your vehicle. Brake lights The right and left brake lights must be operational. Tires The tires must have at least 1/32-inch of uniform tread depth. The use of a donut tire is not allowed during a drive test. Foot brake There must be at least one inch of clearance between the bottom of the brake pedal and the floorboard when depressed. Horn Designed for the vehicle, in proper working condition, and loud enough to be heard from a distance of at least 200 feet. Emergency (parking brake) How to set and release the parking brake. Turn/Arm signals Left turn. Right turn. Slowing down or stopping. Windshield wipers: control arm or switch You may be required to show they function. Seat belts All seat belts must work properly and be used by the individual(s) in the vehicle. Note If your vehicle does not meet the requirements, your drive test will be rescheduled. Interpreters may be used during the pre-drive inspection for the identification and use of certain controls in the vehicle but may not accompany you during the drive test. Exceptions are made for training, service animals, and certain law enforcement situations. The use of a recording device, including a video/audio recorder, is prohibited during a behind-the-wheel drive test. If the recording device cannot be powered off or disabled, the applicant must block it so there is no visual or audio recording during the drive test. The drive test is intended to determine your skill in operating a motor vehicle in most road situations and evaluate your abilities, not the vehicles technology. Therefore, advanced driver assistance systems technologies, such as automated parallel parking, lane departure, and adaptive cruise control, are not permitted during the drive test. Vehicle safety technology, such as backup cameras and blind spot monitors, may be used on the drive test, but are not a replacement for an actual visual check of your mirrors and blind spots. To view a sample of the Driving Performance Evaluation (DPE) Score Sheet, visit dmv.ca.gov/teendrivers. For a sample of the Supplemental/Area DPE Score Sheet, visit dmv.ca.gov/seniors.

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