

# Driving Test Feedback Form

This form sets out areas relating to your driving that require attention.



Údarás Um Shábháilteacht Ar Bhóithre  
Road Safety Authority

**Applicant Name:**

**Date and Time of Test**

## POSITION

On the Straight | On Bends | Traffic Lanes | Cross Junctions | Roundabouts | Turning Right | Turning Left | Stopping | Following Traffic

## OBSERVATION

Moving Off | Overtaking | Changing Lanes | Cross Junctions | Roundabouts | Turning Right | Turning Left

## REACT TO HAZARDS/ANTICIPATE

Reaction | Anticipation | Courtesy

## MIRRORS

Moving Off | On the Straight | Overtaking | Changing Lanes | Roundabouts | Turning Right | Turning Left | Slowing Stopping

## CLEARANCE/OVERTAKE

Pedestrians | Cyclists | Stationary Vehicles | Other Traffic | Other Objects | Overtake Safely

## SIGNALS

Moving off | Overtaking | Changing Lanes | Roundabouts | Turning Right | Turing Left | Stopping | Cancel Promptly | Beckoning others | Misleading

## PROGRESS

Moving Off | On the Straight | Overtaking | Cross Junctions | Roundabouts | Turning Right | Turning Left | Changing Lanes | Traffic Lights

## VEHICLE CONTROLS

Accelerator | Clutch Gears | Footbrake | Handbrake/Parking | Brake | Steering | Secondary Controls | Technical Checks | In Car Checks

## SPEED

Road/Traffic | Conditions | Roundabouts | Cross Junctions | Turning Right | Turning Left | Traffic Controls | Speed Limits

## TRAFFIC CONTROLS

Traffic Lights | Traffic Signs. Road Markings | Pedestrians Crossing | Garda/School Warden | Bus/Cycle Lanes

## RIGHT OF WAY

Moving off | Overtaking | Changing Lanes | Junctions | Roundabouts | Turning Right | Turning Left

## REVERSE

Competently | Observation | Right of Way

## TURNABOUT

Competently | Observation | Right of Way

## PARKING

Competently | Observation | Legally Alighting

## MOTORCYCLES

Safety Glance | U-Turn | Slow Ride | Park on/off stand | Walk Along Side | Braking Exercise | Obstacle Avoidance Exercise

## COUPLING UNCOUPLING

Coupling | Uncoupling

The areas circled require further attention. A more detailed report sheet will be sent to you shortly.

If you have passed your driving test, please pay attention to the areas indicated by the Driver Tester that require additional practice.  
 If you have been unsuccessful on your driving test, in preparation for your next test please pay particular attention to the areas indicated by the Driver Tester.  
 A detailed report sheet will be forwarded to you in relation to the test you have just completed.  
**You may find the following information useful in helping you to understand the areas you need to address.**

### Introduction

The purpose of the driving test is to ensure that drivers have an adequate knowledge of the rules of the road and can drive safely and competently without danger to, and with due regard for the safety and convenience of other road users.

### Position

In normal driving maintain correct position on the straight, on bends and within traffic lanes. Do not hug the middle of the road or the kerb and keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front. Depending on the course you intend taking at a junction or roundabout make sure you are in the appropriate lane. Maintain the correct position when turning left, turning right and on entering and exiting a roundabout. On stopping in traffic or at a kerb be in a safe position and do not cause any obstruction to others.

### Observation

Taking correct and proper observation is essential to good safe driving. Before moving off from the kerb always look around to ensure that no traffic is coming which you may not see in the mirrors (blind spot). Never attempt any movement or manoeuvre until you can see that it is safe to do so. Before overtaking, changing lane, entering a roundabout, altering course or stopping, make sure that it is safe to do so. Before turning at junctions, always look left and right to make sure that it is safe before you proceed.

### React to Hazards

By identifying hazards, you will have time to take any necessary action. You should ensure that you read the road ahead to observe any situation that will involve adjusting your speed or altering your course. There will be times when you will have to deal with more than one hazard within a short space of time. This may require using both initiative and common sense to deal with a particular set of circumstances.

### Anticipation

To anticipate is to take action when you expect something may happen. You can anticipate what others may do by making early use of the available information on the road.

### Ask yourself:

What am I likely to find?  
 What are other road users/pedestrians likely to do?  
 Should I adjust my speed or maybe even stop?

### HGVs & Buses

**Reverse:** When carrying out a left or right hand reverse manoeuvre, it is important to demonstrate competence and take correct observations regardless of whether the reverse was carried out on the test route or in an RSA compound.

### Vehicles with a Trailer

You should know the sequence for both uncoupling and coupling of the trailer from and to the towing vehicle.

### Parking

You should be able to park the vehicle correctly and in a safe position. Park legally with care and consideration for other road users. Always check before opening the door and alighting from your vehicle.

### Mirrors/Signals

Make sure that your mirrors are properly adjusted. Mirrors should be used from time to time to provide a picture of following traffic. Use the mirrors and give a correct signal in good time before moving off, overtaking, changing lane, turning right, turning left, at roundabouts, slowing, stopping. Always use your mirrors before signalling. Do not give contradictory signals and make sure that indicators are cancelled after use. Avoid giving dangerous or misleading signals to other road users. The horn should be used helpfully but not excessively. You will be asked to correctly demonstrate a number of hand signals.

### Clearance/Overtake

You should allow sufficient clearance when overtaking/passing pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and other road users. Always allow sufficient but not excessive clearance to stationary vehicles and other objects. Do not overtake where it is dangerous or prohibited to do so. Never overtake another road user if you are then going to cross their path to turn left or stop. Never cut in too soon after overtaking.

### Progress

Having regard to the speed limits, keep up with the normal flow of traffic. Maintain reasonable progress moving off/on the straight/overtaking/ changing lane/at junctions/at roundabouts/ turning right/turning left/at traffic lights. Do not cause obstruction to others by undue lack of progress.

### Vehicle Controls

Make proper use of accelerator/clutch/gears/ footbrake/handbrake/parking brake and steering.

**Accelerator:** The accelerator should be used smoothly.

**Clutch:** Operate the clutch with reasonable smoothness. Do not 'coast' i.e. drive for a distance with the clutch disengaged.

**Gears:** Select the correct gear at all times, e.g. moving off, overtaking, vehicle speed, and for turning left and right. Engage gears smoothly. Do not coast in neutral.

**Brakes:** Apply footbrake smoothly (except in emergencies). Avoid unnecessary use of brakes while turning. On a gradient you should be able to coordinate the release of the handbrake/parking brake with the use of the accelerator and clutch. Do not roll back. Do not stall the engine. Release and apply handbrake smoothly as and when required.

### Courtesy

Show due regard for the safety and convenience of other road users.

### Secondary Controls

You should know and understand the functions of all controls and switches in your vehicle and be able to operate them effectively as required.

### Technical Checks

You should be able to carry out routine technical checks such as; oil and coolant levels, tyres, wipers, headlights, brake lights and reflectors etc.

### In-Car Checks

You should always ensure that your seat, seatbelt, mirrors and head restraint are properly adjusted.

### Speed

Never exceed the permitted speed limit. Adjust your speed to suit traffic, road and weather conditions and when approaching bends/junctions/ roundabouts/traffic controls/ turning right/turning left. Never drive at a speed that you cannot stop safely within the distance you can see to be clear.

### Traffic Controls

You should know, understand and comply with traffic lights, pedestrian lights, pedestrian crossings, road signs, road markings, yellow box junctions and signals given by Gardai, school wardens or persons in charge of animals.

### Right of Way

When sharing the road it is important to recognise when you should give right of way to others. Yield right of way as required – when moving off; overtaking/changing lane; turning right/turning left; at cross junctions/roundabouts; when meeting other road users. You should not insist on the right of way, where doing so could cause danger to yourself or others.

### Reverse

You will be required to reverse into a side road on the left or right, keeping reasonably close to the kerb and to continue reversing while it is safe to do so until requested to stop. Manoeuvre competently and do not bump or mount the kerb. Throughout this manoeuvre you should make proper use of the vehicle controls, take the correct and proper observations, maintain reasonable progress and show care and consideration for the safety of pedestrians and other road users. Be prepared to stop if necessary.

### Turnabout

The purpose of this manoeuvre is to test your ability to control the vehicle in a restricted space. You will be required to turn the vehicle within the width of the roadway to face in the opposite direction. You may go over and back more than once if necessary. Manoeuvre competently and do not bump or mount the kerb. Throughout this manoeuvre you should make proper use of the vehicle controls, take the correct and proper observations, maintain reasonable progress and show care and consideration for the safety of pedestrians and other road users. Be prepared to stop if necessary.

### Motorcycles

Motorcyclists are particularly vulnerable on the road and it is important that in addition to good observations that you always take the required safety glance before moving off/overtaking/ changing lane/turning right/turning left/at roundabouts/stopping and before changing direction. Give correct signals in good time.

**Off/on the Stand:** You should be capable of putting the motorcycle off and on the stand safely.

**Walk Alongside:** You should be capable of safely moving the motorcycle forward or backwards as required without the aid of the engine.

**Slow Ride:** Maintain control of the motorcycle at slow speeds and when turning.

**U Turn:** Maintain proper control of the motorcycle at slow speed and when performing a "U" turn.

**Braking Exercise:** You should complete the braking exercise competently reducing the speed of the motorcycle safely without locking the brakes.

**Obstacle Avoidance Exercise:** You should perform the manoeuvre safely with proper control and observation.

For additional information or guidance on the aspects covered on this sheet please consult the Rules of the Road or an RSA Approved Driving Instructor.