



**IAM RoadSmart
National Observer Assessment
Car candidate guidance document**

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I will be assuming the role of associate for this assessment. The scenario I am setting is that this is my third run and I would like you (the observer) to coach me in an aspect of advanced driving that I will select from the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driver Course Associate Logbook. You will be notified of the issues(s) that my first two runs with an observer has highlighted for you to work on. This is the first time we will meet with you as my observer.

Please study the IMI National Observer Progress Summary document (NOPS) so you are aware of the criteria against which you will be assessed. I am happy for you to print the NOPS marking guide and use it as an aide memoir during the session.

Important points to remember for the briefing are:-

- To review my knowledge and understanding of IPSCA
- Use good open questions and engage me
- Make sure you brief me on the subject you are covering
- Use references/photos/diagrams from the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driver Course
- Set clear aims
- Remember the disclaimer before we set off
- Deal with obvious faults on the move and offer help to remedy them
- If the session is going well I am happy for you not to put a mid-way stop in. If it is not going according to plan use a stop and get back on track

The debrief should reflect the drive, please engage me in it.

Once the observed drive and debrief of me (the associate) is finished I will then assess your driving.

Each part of the assessment is allocated 1 hour. **Your session plan should include ensuring the session runs to the time schedule.**

For your observer session the drive should be between 30-40 minutes long. **This allows 20-30 minutes for you to brief and debrief me.** Please remember the route you plan needs to be suitable to give guidance around the subject I have given you.

Your assessed drive also needs to be 30-40 minutes long. You will need to deliver a brief cockpit drill and will be expected to give spoken thoughts during parts of the drive. At the conclusion I will debrief you.

I am happy for you to use the same route for both parts i.e. your observer session and your assessed drive. You can also choose a different route of the same duration if you prefer.

We need to arrive back at the original meeting point after the associate drive in order to swap cars so that you drive your own car for your assessed drive. Please remember you will be asked to sign the document declaration before the assessment drive takes place.

At the conclusion of the assessment I will ask you a range of questions based on your knowledge of The IAM RoadSmart Advanced Driver Course material, The Highway Code and Roadcraft. Please ensure you have a good working knowledge of these publications.

Enjoy the experience and if you have any queries then please don't hesitate to ask questions.