

IAM RoadSmart

Mature Driver Review
Examiner Standards Checklist v2 11/17



A quick reference guide to help you check that all relevant skills and techniques are demonstrated by the candidate during their assessed drive.

1. Starting off procedures

Does the driver:

- Carry out the correct pre drive checks.
- Monitor vehicle instrumentation and gauges during start up and start the engine correctly.
- Carry out all-round visual checks, including blind spots, to make sure that it is safe to move off.
- Give an appropriate signal if required.
- Move off smoothly, with control and with due regard for other road users.
- Wear a seat belt.

2. Clutch/gears/brakes/accelerator

Does the driver:

- Make smooth gear changes at the appropriate time.
- Use the auto gearbox correctly where appropriate.
- Apply the brakes smoothly and progressively having anticipated hazards and traffic flow.
- Use the accelerator smoothly and correctly, not having to make constant adjustments with brakes.

3. Steering

Does the driver:

- Steer accurately and smoothly.
- Maintain safe control of the vehicle.
- Show that they can operate controls (e.g. indicators) and maintain safe steering at all times.

4. Positioning

Does the driver:

- Use a normal driving position which maximises safety.
- Give adequate clearance when passing parked vehicles.
- Adopt the principles of lane discipline when dealing with roundabouts and junctions.

5. Progress/hesitancy/legality

Does the driver:

- Maintain a safe and appropriate speed that matches the traffic flow.
- Drive within the speed limit.
- Show that no other road users are hindered by an unacceptable lack of progress (i.e. traffic flow and other road users are not hindered by the drive).

6. Observation and planning

Does the driver:

- Actively scan for more vulnerable road users at junctions, roundabouts and crossings – for example cyclists and motorcyclists.
- Look for links to aid with planning.
- Use information to make the right plan to deal with hazards.

7. Hazard perception

Does the driver:

- Continually scan the driving space into the distance.
- Continually scan close to the vehicle.
- Use visual clues to predict possible hazards and prepare for situations that may arise.
- Able to prioritise their responses to hazards and in a safe and controlled manner.
- Able to keep focused when faced with distractions.

8. Signalling and use of mirrors

Does the driver:

- Use signals correctly that are not misleading to other road users.
- Position correctly to support any signals given.
- Use the correct positioning to negate a signal.
- Consider use of the horn.
- Aware of other types of signals, such as brake lights and reverse lights.
- Make effective use of the mirrors before deciding on other actions. This could be changing speed or direction or whether or not to use a signal.

9. Dealing with other traffic and road users.

Does the driver:

- Approach junctions at the correct speed.
- Apply a systematic approach.
- Read signs correctly
- Take the correct position at the junction whether turning right or left.
- Able to assess speed and distance correctly when crossing the path of other traffic.
- Look at the vehicle approaching but vehicles behind and make sure that they search for suitable gaps.
- Make the correct adjustments to speed and recognise when holding back is the safe and appropriate course of action when meeting traffic in narrow or congested roads.
- Make appropriate decisions about whether to give way or take precedence.
- Look at all traffic movement, whether it is pedestrians, cyclists or any other road user, to anticipate their movements and intentions.
- Identify junction lanes and carriageways correctly and quickly enough (especially on dual carriageway junctions).

10. Manoeuvring

Does the driver:

- Accurately carry out a reversing manoeuvre that is under control and safe.
- Use correct and effective observations.
- Coordinate controls accurately.

11. Stopping

Does the driver:

- Choose a safe legal and convenient place to stop.
- Secure the vehicle with the handbrake.
- Stop in the correct place (e.g. near to the kerb, or properly in the parking bay).

12. Concentration/consideration and courtesy

Does the driver:

- Drive in a safe and controlled way.
- Give courtesy to other road users.
- Acknowledge when courtesy is offered to them.
- Monitor and manage their reaction to other road users.
- Show consideration to other road users
- Use full concentration throughout the drive.