

This is what will happen on your driving lessons



Your driving instructor will guide you through all the subjects on the driving syllabus (see below). Each subject on the syllabus will be discussed individually and you'll be taken around routes to gain experience dealing with each of these driving subjects.

When you make mistakes your driving instructor will discuss these mistakes with you, explain how you can correct these mistakes and give you the chance to try again so you can improve your driving. It's fine to make mistakes so don't get upset when you do. Everyone makes mistakes when learning a new skill, it's perfectly normal and it's to be expected. Just look at mistakes as an opportunity to learn and improve your driving skills.

When you have completed the driving syllabus and you are consistently driving safely, responsibly and independently (without any help or guidance from your driving instructor) then you'll be ready to take your driving test.

Learning to Drive: Driving Lesson Syllabus

Level 1 = I can do this with full assistance from my driving instructor

Level 2 = I can do this with partial assistance from my driving instructor

Level 3 = I can do this with occasional prompts from my driving instructor

Level 4 = I can do this independently without any help from my driving instructor

Pre driving knowledge	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Cockpit drill				
Use of controls				

Moving Off	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
On the level				
Uphill				
Downhill				
At an angle (from behind a parked car)				
In a busy two way street				
In a one way street from the left and right				

Stopping at the side of the road	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
On the level				
Uphill				
Downhill				
Close and parallel to the kerb				
Choosing a safe, convenient and legal place				
On the left and right in a one way street				

Use of Mirrors	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Before changing speed				
Before changing direction				

Gear Changing	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Moving up the gears in sequence				
Moving down the gears in sequence				
Block/selective gear changing down the gears				
Block/selective gear changing up the gears				
Changing gears effectively uphill				
Changing gears effectively downhill				

Creeping the car	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
On the level				
Uphill				
Downhill				

Approaching Junctions turning from major into minor road	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Turning left				
Turning right				
Turning right using filter/centre lane				
Turning left into narrow side road (1 st gear required)				
Turning left around gradual corner (3 rd gear acceptable)				
Dealing with junctions on bends				
Dealing with staggered junctions				

Emerging at T Junctions	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Turning left at open junction				
Turning right at open junction				
Turning left at closed junction				
Turning right at closed junction				
Stop junction: emerging left and right				
Emerging left/right at T Junction on a hill				

Meeting Approaching Traffic	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Parked vehicles on left only				
Parked vehicles on right only				
Parked vehicles on both sides of the road				
Giving adequate clearance passing parked vehicles				

Turn in the road	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
On a wide road				
On a narrower road				
On the level				
On a slight hill				
With traffic approaching from left or right / and pedestrians				

Crossroads	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Marked crossroads: left, ahead, right				
Unmarked crossroads				

Traffic Lights	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Approaching and dealing with traffic lights				
Box junctions at traffic lights				

Pedestrian Crossings	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Zebra Crossings				
Pelican, Puffin, Toucan Crossings				
Supervised Crossings				

Anticipation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Looking into Far, Mid and Near distance				
Scanning left and right				
Awareness of road users to the side and behind				
Planning ahead to change speed or direction to prevent a crash				

Emergency Stop	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Stopping promptly and under control				
Moving off safely after the emergency stop				

Using Petrol Stations	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Entering the station and filling up with fuel				

Roundabouts	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Left				
Ahead				
Right				
Full circle				

Mini Roundabouts	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Left				
Ahead				
Right				

One way streets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Turning left at the end of one way street				
Turning right at the end of one way street				

Reversing in a straight line	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Straight line reverse				
Moving away from the kerb and straightening up				
Moving close to the kerb and straightening up				

Reversing into a side road on the left	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Gradual corner				
Tight corner				
On the level				
Uphill				
Downhill				
On road with oncoming traffic				

Show Me/Tell Me Vehicle Safety Questions	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Inside & outside the car & under the bonnet				

Independent Driving	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Following traffic signs				
Following route map				

Dual Carriageways	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Following the road ahead				
Turning right from a side road to join a dual carriageway e.g. end of West Bank Ave onto Chesterfield Road				
Entering onto dual carriageway from traffic lights				
Turning right off dual carriageway at traffic lights incorporating a right turn filter lane				
Joining dual carriageway using a slip road				
Exiting dual carriageway using a slip road on left				
Overtaking				

Rural driving	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Driving on country lanes				

Reversing into a parking bay	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
To the left				
To the right				

Inner town centre driving	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Multiple lane junctions & lane discipline				
Inner ring road driving / town centre one way system				

Reverse parking (Parallel Parking)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
On a level road				
On a slight hill (both uphill & downhill)				
With approaching traffic / pedestrians				