



DVSA THEORY TEST

The DVSA Theory Test is the first test which needs to be taken. You cannot even apply for a practical test unless this one has been passed. The current cost is £23.00 and can be booked by:-

Telephone:- 0300 200 1122

Online- www.gov.uk/book-theory-test

Locally the test may be taken:-

70/78 Collingdon Street
LUTON
LU1 1RX

Tempus House
249 Midsummer Boulevard
MILTON KEYNES
MK9 1YA

It depends upon the time of year, but do expect a wait of 2 to 3 weeks from the date of booking, especially if you are looking for a particular time of day or day of the week.

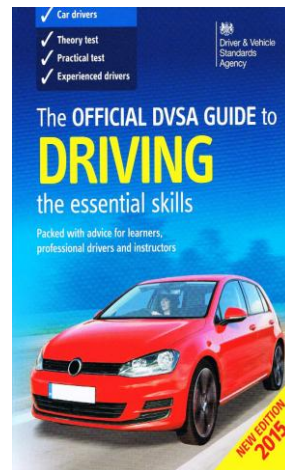
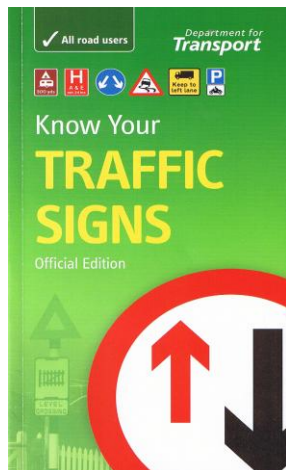
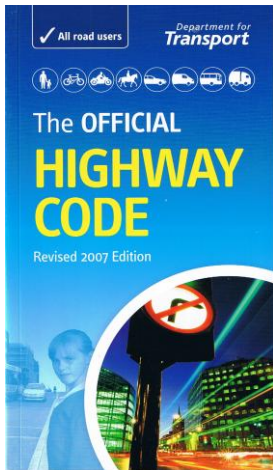
It is a two part computer based test. For the first part you will be given 50 multiple choice questions, each with 4 or 5 alternative answers. Usually you will have to select only one correct response although occasionally you will be required to select on 2 or 3 options. Because of the design of the test structure it is virtually impossible to pass this test with luck alone. Unfortunately the only way to guarantee success is by using knowledge which is gained from diligent hard graft.

The second part is the Hazard Perception element where you will be shown 14 video clips each approx a minute long when you will have to quickly identify developing road hazards. One clip will have two markable hazards.

The pass mark for the multiple choice element is 44/50 (88%)
The pass mark for the hazard perception element is 44/75 (60%)

Both parts of the test must be passed during the same appointment in order to achieve an overall pass.

To help you prepare for this test we advise you use the following learning materials:-



The Official Highway Code	ISBN 978-0-11-552814-9	£ 2.50
Know Your Traffic Signs	ISBN 978-0-11-552855-2	£ 4.99
The Official DSA Guide to Learning to Drive	ISBN 978-0-11-552858-3	£ 7.99
The Official DSA Guide to Driving, The Essential Skills	ISBN 978-0-11-553290-0	£ 8.49

All of the above materials can be purchased from W H Smiths or other reputable booksellers

To study for the DVSA Theory Test we suggest the following programme:-

1. Purchase or borrow **all** of the above books
2. Read them **all** thoroughly
3. Perform a complete mock test using the online Theory Test Pro and record the results below
4. Identify your weak areas of knowledge and refer back to the books and re-learn the specific topics
5. Perform another mock test and then repeat stages 3 and 4 several times until you begin to get all of the questions consistently correct
6. Book your DVSA Theory Test, but keep practising

No	Multiple Choice	Hazard Perception	No	Multiple Choice	Hazard Perception
1			13		
2			14		
3			15		
4			16		
5			17		
6			18		
7			19		
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Remember to take your driving licence and the appointment confirmation letter with you. Without them you are unlikely to be allowed to take the test and you would lose the fee. Be sure to arrive at the test centre at least 15 minutes early.

On arrival, you will need to report to the reception desk to sign in. You will be asked to sign an electronic pad which will scan your signature and compare it with the one imprinted on your licence application, so make sure that your signature hasn't altered.

You are not allowed to take anything into the computer room so you will be instructed to leave items such as your mobile-phone, books i-pods etc with your companion or put it into a lockable cupboard if you are alone. If you are wearing a coat you will probably not be allowed to take it off in the computer room.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

When you are ready you can begin the test. Follow the on-screen instructions and proceed through the 50 questions. All of the DVSA computers are touch screen so when you have decided upon your answer simply touch the answer and the computer will move on to the next question. If there are any questions which you are unsure of then flag the question and move on to the next. When all of the easy ones have been answered you can then go back to your flagged questions and then spend time considering each alternative and eliminating any silly responses. One of the most important things is not to rush. There is plenty of time for you to think and give the right answer.

Don't worry if you have any difficulties such as deafness, Dyslexia or other reading problems. By prior arrangement with the DVSA, you can use headphones to hear the questions and arrange for extra time. If you have hearing difficulties you can arrange to have the test shown to you using British Sign Language or, if that is unsuitable, you may arrange to have an interpreter present. This does however have to be made clear to the DVSA when booking the test. Also notify the booking clerk if you require wheelchair access to the test centre.

The test is available in both English and Welsh.

When the questions have been completed you will be allowed about 5 minutes before the Hazard Perception Test (HPT) begins.

HAZARD PERCEPTION

You will be required to watch 14 short video clips on the computer monitor, each clip being approx 1 minute long. These video clips show you what a driver would see through his/her windscreen when driving along a variety of road types. You may see a busy town road or a quiet country road. It could show you a motorway, a road at night or in adverse weather conditions.

During each of the clips you will see at least one event occurring ahead of the vehicle which could cause the driver to react in some way, perhaps by braking or changing direction. Your task is to click the mouse as soon as you see the hazard. If you press it at just the right moment you will earn 5 points, if you press it a moment later you will earn 4 points, a few moments later then you will earn 3 points and so on. There may be more than one identifiable hazard within each clip so keep concentrating and when you have dealt with one hazard then start looking for the next and perhaps even a third. In one of the clips, (and you aren't told which one), there are two markable hazards and remember that it may not be the first two which occur, it could be the 2nd and 4th for example.

To complicate things further, there are two types of hazard. A **static hazard** is something like a parked car or a pedestrian crossing. Although it is a problem, it is fixed and not necessarily a hazard itself. It does however need to be watched carefully as it may change into a developing hazard, perhaps with someone opening a car door or someone stepping around the car without checking. This type of hazard doesn't need to be clicked. A **developing hazard** is a hazard type which suddenly appears ahead of you. This may be a ball bouncing out into the road ahead or a car emerging from a side road without stopping. To pass the test

you only need to identify and react to all of the developing hazards but you won't be penalised for reacting unnecessarily to a static hazard.

WARNING

If you click too frequently or randomly or if the computer detects a regular pattern, then the computer will believe that you are cheating and award you a zero for that particular video clip so make sure that you click thoughtfully.

When both parts of the test are completed you will need to go back into the reception area where your results will be waiting for you.

Good Luck