



Road Test — Skills Explainer

A: OBSERVATION

Skill	To be successful...
A1 Shoulder check	Prior to a change in direction, road position or pulling away from the curb, check to make sure the blind spot on that side is clear by doing a shoulder check.
A2 Scan	Always scan when driving especially when approaching areas where hazards may be present, such as intersections and crosswalks.
A3 Mirror check	Check your mirrors when changing lanes, turning, or pulling out from — or over to — the side of the road.
A4 360° check	Before backing up, look all around the vehicle (360 degrees) to ensure the surroundings are clear.
A5 Direction of travel	Keep your eyes facing the direction you are travelling or the direction you will be travelling.
A6 Backing	When reversing, observe in that direction with occasional glances forward when necessary.
A7 Hazard perception	Identify anything in your driving environment that could be a hazard to you and other road users.
A8 Other	This is for any other observational errors not listed above.

B: SPACE MARGIN

Skill	To be successful...
B1 Lane position	Choose the appropriate, legal and safe lane position that also provides good visibility and ensures safe space margins.
B2 Follow distance	Maintain a safe following distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.
B3 Stops too close/far	Leave an appropriate distance between your vehicle and any stopped vehicle in front of you.
B4 Gap	Choose an appropriate space in traffic that doesn't cause other road users to adjust speed and/or road position, take safe gaps when traffic permits and when legally permitted.
B5 Blocks x-walk	Stop behind crosswalks to avoid blocking people from crossing.
B6 Turn position	Maintain a suitable lane position during your turn and end in the correct lane. Do not turn wide or cut the corner.
B7 Occupied x-walk	Stop the vehicle before entering an occupied crosswalk.
B8 Manoeuvre location	When changing lanes, turning, stopping or parking, ensure your vehicle is at a location safe for yourself and other road users. Complete the manoeuvre in a safe location.
B9 Other	This is for any other space margin errors not listed in this section.
B10 Stop position	You must stop the correct distance from the legal stop position. Refer to "stopping at intersections" in the Learn to Drive Smart guide for more detail.
B11 Road position — Parking lot	When driving in a parking lot, position your vehicle to ensure it is visible, obey signs/posted instructions and provide room for other road users.
B12 3-Point Turn/ U-turn (MC)	You must effectively and safely complete a 3-point turn (U-turn for motorcycles). Refer to the Learn to Drive Smart, or Learn to Ride Smart, guide.
B13 Parking margins	When parking, leave adequate space for other vehicles and objects, park close to the curb, do not cover pavement markings, and ensure you are obeying regulations.
B14 Railroad x-ing (motorcycle)	Cross train tracks at a safe angle to prevent your tires from getting caught in the tracks.

C: SPEED

Skill	To be successful...
C1 Speed maintenance	Choose a speed that is consistent, within the speed limit and is appropriate for the conditions.
C2 Rolling stop	Bring the vehicle to a complete stop when required (at stop signs, red lights and when exiting parking lots).
C3 Amber light	When a light changes to amber, you must stop before entering the intersection unless you are unable to safely stop in time.
C4 Acceleration/ Deceleration	You must accelerate/decelerate smoothly, without stopping or slowing unnecessarily.
C5 Shifting	You must select the most efficient gear, and change between gears safely and smoothly. Do not change gear directions (e.g. forward to reverse) while in motion and do not coast in neutral or with the clutch in (manual transmission).
C6 Rolling back	You must use the correct brake and gear control to prevent rolling back on a hill.
C7 Other	This is for any other speed control errors not listed in this section.
C8 Covers brakes	When you see a potential hazard, take your foot off the accelerator and cover the brake in preparation to stop. Also, keep the brake applied when stopped.
C9 Parking brake	Fully apply the parking brake when parking and fully release it before moving.

D: STEERING

Skill	To be successful...
D1 General Steering	Maintain control of the steering wheel. Refer to "Steering" in the Learn to Drive Smart guide. Avoid angling the car or wheels to the left when waiting to turn left.
D2 Other	This is for any other steering errors not listed in this section.
D3 Steering wheel position	Turn your front wheels in the appropriate direction when parked on a hill. Do not initiate a turn with one hand on the inside of the steering wheel.
D4 Weight transfer (motorcycle)	While in motion, keep your feet on the foot pegs and maintain a proper riding position.

E: COMMUNICATION

Skill	To be successful...
E1 Signal	Use your turn signal to let people know you are planning to turn, change lanes, pull out or pull over.
E2 Timing	Signal well ahead of the intended action to provide plenty of warning, but not so far ahead as to confuse other road users.
E3 Cancel	Cancel your signal after you have completed the manoeuvre.
E4 Other	This is for any other communication errors not listed in this section.

FAILURE REASONS

Skills	Inability to meet the minimum criteria for the driving skills listed in each of the core competencies: Observation, Space Margin, Speed, Steering, and Communication.
Dangerous Action (DA)	A driver's action or lack of action which could result in a collision or loss of control of the vehicle. Driver Examiner or other vehicle must take action to prevent collision.
Violation (V)	Where observed behaviour exceeds the range in the applicable criteria and is typically a ticketable offence e.g., Does not stop at red light.
Other	Inability to operate equipment once test has begun. Unwilling or unable to perform manoeuvre. Hitting objects, driving over curbs/sidewalks.