

For your information

You must be able to read a standard car number plate at 67 feet (20 meters) or you are driving illegally.

You must have a current UK provisional driving licence to drive on a public highway.

Your vehicle must be fully legal to take it onto any public highway, you must have at least a minimum of a third party insurance cover, tax and M.O.T.

You must be 17 years old minimum to drive a car in the UK on a public highway.

Any person accompanying a learner driver must be over 21 years old and hold a full current UK licence for at least 3 years,

Learner drivers must display an L plate front and rear of the car, the L plates should be removed when a learner driver is not under tuition. (with the exception of driving instructors)

You cannot apply for your practical driving test until you've passed both parts of your theory test.

Computer discs are available in shops as an aid for the theory test. (recommended) from the DSA, Smiths, PC World and many other shops.

The driving test lasts for 40 minutes.

You should know all of the show me tell me questions on basic car maintenance before you go for your test. (available on the Internet, (type into search engine):

DSA show me tell me questions.



IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE

Don't drink and drive

Don't use a hand held mobile and drive

Don't take drugs and drive

Always wear your seatbelt

Stick to the speed limits

IT'S SO SIMPLE !

Drake school of motoring supports the emergency services and is part of a cooperative that works closely as a team with other driving schools in Plymouth to teach safe driving for life.

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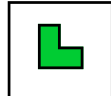
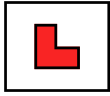


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New driver information brochure



Getting started



We at **DRAKE** school of motoring ensure that when starting to drive, we teach that you must always be legal and with the intentions of becoming a safe driver. The best way to achieve this is through a course of driving lessons with a DSA approved driving instructor, and possibly the additional help of a friend or family member helping out with extra lessons. Some people do choose to go with a parent or friend for tuition and not use a recommended instructor. This is all well and good, but you must remember that the **DRAKE** instructors are updated with the latest regarding regulations and any other relative information that may help you get through your driving test first time. The rules and regulations are changing all of the time, so you need to learn the new rules to pass. You will need a current UK provisional photo card driving licence before you can drive on any public highway. If you use an approved instructor you will automatically be insured and legal to drive on the highway once you receive your provisional licence and are 17 years old. Also make sure you can read a standard car number plate from 67 feet, (20 meters), if you can't, you must have your eyes tested before you drive or you are driving illegally. If you choose to use a friend or family member to learn to drive with, remember you **MUST** be legal before you drive on the public highway, this means, a provisional driving licence, insurance that covers the car and the learner driver (sometimes can be expensive) M.O.T. (where required) and the vehicle must also be legal, this means everything on the car **MUST** be functional IE: lights, horn, indicators, brakes, tyres ect. You must also display an L plate front and rear off side (is best) of the car. It is best not to display L plates in the windows of the car as this will restrict the drivers view and not allow the driver to see at 360% around the car. Also a small stick on mirror on the passenger side .

The Theory test



The Highway code is an essential part of learning to drive. We at **DRAKE** school of motoring always try to push for the pupil to read and learn the highway code at the early stages, even before the first lesson is a good thing. Not only will it make the driver a safer driver, but this will also help with a major part of the theory test as it is based on the UK Highway Code and most of the questions can be answered by simply knowing the book from back to front. Many people sit their theory even before learning to drive and pass. There are two parts to the theory test , a number of multiple choice questions on touch screen computer, also a hazard perception test; these are video clips where the pupil has to recognise developing hazards in each clip and click on the mouse to gain points. You cannot apply for your practical driving test until you have passed your theory test. There are a number of discs one can buy for the computer to aid you with the questions and hazard perception tests. (available from DSA, PC World, Smiths, Woolworth's, ect) You must take your driving licence and the paper attachment that comes with it to the test centres or you will not be allowed to sit either of the tests without them.

The Driving test

The car you use for the driving test must be legal in all respects or you will not be able to use it for the test, **DRAKE** cars are test ready. It should also have two interior mirrors, one for the driver and one for the use of the examiner. You **MUST** make sure you bring with you on the day of the test, both parts of your driving licence, the photo card and the paper attachment that came with it. The first thing you will do is have your name called out, you will then sign a paper to say the car is legal. You will then be taken outside where you will undergo your eyesight test, once you have passed this you will be asked two questions on basic car maintenance. (show me tell me questions). This will be taught to you by your **DRAKE** driving instructor. Once that is completed you will make yourself comfortable in the car ready to take your driving test. Your examiner will give you good full instructions on where to go and in good time so don't worry. The examiner **CANNOT** help you in any way on the test, only to give directional instructions and to tell you which manoeuvres you will undergo. The test is 40 minutes long, about 30 minutes of driving and 10 minutes of manoeuvres and questions. Providing you do not get more than 15 minor points and / or no major points you have passed. You can then consider doing a 6 hour pass plus test with your **DRAKE** instructor. This when sat, will give you more knowledge on the road, extra tuition on roads you have not covered, including motorway driving, you will receive a certificate, get your first years no claims bonus free and about 30% off your own insurance. You can book your driving test and your theory test on **DRAKE** school of motoring web site. **REMEMBER !** After passing your test you are on a probation period for two years. So if you acquire 6 or more penalty points in that period, your full licence is revoked and you will go back to being a learner.