

1 Cheatsheet: Driver License Written Test

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1.1 Free Driver License Written Tests

| Name | Comment |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Traffic control | Link: Traffic Controls |
| Sample Class C Written Tests from DMV | Test1, Test2, Test3, Test4, Test5 |
| FREE DMV Practice Test for California | Link: driving-tests.org |
| Reference | Link: DMV Homepage - California, PDF: California Driver Handbook |

1.2 Child

| Name | Summary |
|--|--|
| Need a child passenger restraint system | Younger than 8 years; Or no more than 4 feet 9 inches |
| Airbags may pose a severe safety risk for children | Children age 12 or under should sit in the back seat of a vehicle with airbags |

1.3 Abnormal Weather/Conditions

| Name | Summary |
|--|---|
| In rainy weather, slow down | Drive fast may cause tires lose contact with the surface of the road |
| On freezing, wet days | Bridges and overpasses tend to freeze before the rest of the road |
| Roadways are the most slippery during the first rain | oil and dust on the road have not previously been washed away. |
| Hit an animal | Call the humane society. You should not leave it to die or try to move it |
| If your wheels drop off the roadway or pavement edge | Wait until it is safe to do so, then gradually turn back |
| Use low beams when in fog, rain or snow | High beam will reflect back, which makes you hard to see ahead |
| When being tailgated, create extra space | Slow down gradually prevents a collision with the tailgater. |

1.4 Distance

| Name | Summary |
|--------------------------|--|
| Drive close to cyclist | You must ensure there is more than 3 feet width for cyclist |
| Park near railroad track | You must not park within 7.5 feet of a railroad track |
| Park near fire hydrant | You can't park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant |
| Enter school zones | Within 500-1000 feet of a school, the speed limit is 25 mph while children are outside |
| Turn a corner | You should signal for at least 100 feet. |
| Follow emergency vehicle | You must not follow within 400 feet of any emergency vehicle with a siren or flashing lights |
| Use center lane | While driving in a center left-turn lane, you may only drive for 200 feet. |
| Park on a level street | The front and back wheels must be parallel with and within 18 inches of the curb |

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1.5 Fining

| Name | Summary |
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| The fine of littering | \$1,000, in addition, you may be required to pick up what littered |
| Abuse of a disabled placard or plate | a fine of up to \$1,000, and up to six months of jail time |
| Fines in a construction zone | Fines for traffic violations are doubled |

1.6 Traffic Control

| Name | Summary |
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| Traffic lights not working | You need to come to a complete stop first |
| A flashing red traffic signal | Treat like a STOP sign. stop, yield and only proceed when it's safe |
| A flashing yellow traffic signal | No need to stop, but slow down and alerted before entering intersection |
| Diamond-shaped sign | Many warning signs are diamond-shaped |
| Orange-colored signs | indicate construction areas |
| Orange, diamond-shaped signs | It usually mark construction, maintenance, survey, and utility work areas |
| Yellow lines | Separate lanes of traffic moving in opposite directions. |
| A white rectangular sign | indicate that you must obey important rules. |
| Pennant-shaped yellow signs | indicate a no passing zone |

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1.7 Time

| Name | Summary |
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| Change lanes on freeway | You should signal for at least 5 seconds |
| Tailgating | To avoid tailgating, leave 3 second of space between you and the vehicle in front of you |
| Make changes | To avoid last-minute moves, look down the road 10-15 seconds |

1.8 Colored curbs

| Name | Summary |
|------------|---|
| White curb | Stop only long enough to pick up or drop off passengers or mail. |
| Green | Park for a limited time. Look for a posted sign next to the green zone for time limits. |
| Yellow | Stop no longer than the time posted to load or unload passengers or freight. |
| Red | No stopping, standing, or parking. (Buses may stop at a red zone marked for buses.) |
| Blue | Parking for disabled people only |

1.9 Steering

| Name | Summary |
|-------------------------|--|
| Hand-over-hand steering | used when turning at low speeds, parking or recovering from a skid |
| One-hand steering | You can use when you're backing up without much turning |
| Three-point turn | standard method of turning vehicles around to face the opposite direction in a limited space |

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1.10 Terminology

| Name | Summary |
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| California "Basic Speed Law" | You must never driver faster than what is safe in current conditions |
| California Move Over law | All vehicles to vacate the lane closest to an emergency vehicle |
| Skid | automobiles slip relative to the road Link: wikipedia |
| BAC | Blood alcohol concentration |
| A nighttime reflector | It shows where the road lies |
| Turnout area | You may pull to the side in these areas and allow cars behind you to pass. Link |
| roundabout | |
| DUI probation | |
| NEV | neighborhood electric vehicles |
| LSV | Low speed vehicles |
| HOV lane (High-Occupancy Vehicle) | Designed for buses, motorcycles, certain low-emission vehicles and 2+ passengers |
| Use horn | You may tap horn to try to make eye contact with another driver |

1.11 Pictures

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