

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
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
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
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
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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