

4. SIGNAL RIGHT

Use the right turn signal to warn the vehicles behind you that are about to pull on to the right hand side. You must signal for at least 3 seconds before making your move.

You may need to re-adjust your 12-second scan at this point.

5. MOVE RIGHT

Once you are sure you are following at a safe distance and the road ahead (12 seconds away) is clear, move onto the right-hand side of the road.

Give that vehicle you are overtaking plenty of room.

Be careful to maintain control.

6. ACCELERATE

By now you are pretty much committed to overtake. You are on the right-hand side of the road and you certainly do not want to stay there any longer than necessary. This is a dangerous lane for you to be on.

Accelerate and overtake as quickly as possible. You may have to change down to the next lower gear to gain more power and acceleration.

Remain within speed limit.

7. COMMUNICATE

Now that you are in the blind spot of the vehicle you are over-taking, tap your horn or flash you head-lights to let the driver know that you are attempting to overtake him.

Use your Judgement on this. It isn't always necessary, and It could sometimes create confusion in heavy traffic. However, if you notice that the car you're overtaking is drifting or not stabilised in its lane, use your horn.

8. SIGNAL LEFT

After you have passed the vehicle, use your left turn signal to indicate that you are returning to the left-hand side of the road.

You must let the driver know your intention.

9. MOVE LEFT

Return to the left side as soon as you can see the front of the vehicle you've just overtaken in your side mirror.

Also, turn your head check your blind spot.

Careful not to cramp the vehicle you have just passed.

10. RESUME SPEED

Cancel your signal.

Now that you have safely completed overtaking, up the tempo and resume normal speed.

Take up your correct position in the traffic stream by using the 2-second, 4-second and 12-second rules to continue your Journey.