

**Skill 13: Dual Carriageways**

Some dual carriageways are similar to motorways, with the same speed limit and slip roads to join and leave. Unlike motorways, dual carriageways can have junctions and roundabouts where traffic can join, leave, cross and turn right from the carriageway.

**Skill 14: Meeting Traffic (Urban)**

Considering skill number 12, meeting traffic is how to safely judge adequate space and distance from on coming traffic when overtaking parked vehicles.

**Skill 15: Parking Bays - Forward & Reverse**

When forward or reverse parking into a parking bay, you need to gain the skills of effective observation and control of the car, to do this safely before you drive on your own.

**Skill 16: Parking Kerbside - Right**

You should be able to safely park facing oncoming traffic while under complete control and then safely reverse for approximately two car lengths before driving on again.

**Skill 17: Parallel Parking**

Using effective observation and car control, you should be able to safely pull up along side a parked vehicle and then reverse into a parking position which leaves you reasonably close and parallel to the kerb.

**Skill 18: Turning The Car Around**

To turn the car around, it's often easiest and safest to use a roundabout or reverse into a side street. However, if these options are not available you may need to turn your car around in the road.

**Skill 19: All Weather & Night Time Driving**

You need to be aware of the effect some weather conditions, such as fog and low sun, can have on visibility. Other conditions, such as ice, snow and rain, can affect the way that your vehicle handles. There are also many factors that make driving in the dark more hazardous. Judging speed at night can be difficult, so be particularly careful at junctions.

**Skill 20: Country Roads**

Country roads can be trunk roads carrying heavy traffic or narrow lanes where there is single-file traffic. You must be able to judge the safe speed

to drive at, while taking account of the visibility, signs, hazards and other traffic, as well as road and weather conditions.

**Skill 21: Overtaking (All Road Types)**

You need to be able to judge when it's safe, convenient and legal to overtake other vehicles in all road and traffic conditions.

**Skill 22: Fuel Efficient Driving**

Everything from the type of car and its fuel consumption to the way in which you drive influences the environment. You need to understand how to minimise the negative effects and how to contribute to keeping the air we breathe cleaner.

**Skill 23: Independent Driving**

You need to be able to drive and keep full controls when following directions from a sat nav or a series of traffic signs.

**Skill 24: Motorway Driving (Optional)**

Learner drivers can only drive on motorways with an approved driving instructor and in a car fitted with dual controls that's clearly displaying L plates. This subject is optional as motorway driving is not part of the driving test.

**You'll move through 5 levels of progress in each of the 24 skills you need to be safe driver.**

**Level 1: Introduced** The subject is introduced and you're able to follow the instructions you're given.

**Level 2: Helped** You're improving with the skill, but still need a bit of help.

**Level 3: Prompted** Sometimes you need prompting with the skill, especially if it's a new or unusual situation.

**Level 4: Independent** You're dealing with the skill consistently, confidently and independently.

**Level 5: Reflection** When you talk to your instructor, you show that you understand how things would have been different if you had done something differently. You can adapt to situations and see why perfecting the skill makes you safer and more fuel-efficient.



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# Level 5 Training Syllabus & Driving Record

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DATE OF DRIVING TEST

## 1 LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES & SECURITY

## 3 CONTROLS, MOVING AWAY & STOPPING

## 5 JUNCTIONS - TURN & EMERGE LEFT

## 7 APPROPRIATE SPEED & OTHER TRAFFIC

## 9 ROUNDABOUTS - MINI & STANDARD

## 11 EMERGENCY STOP

## 13 DUAL CARRIAGEWAYS

## 15 PARKING BAYS - FORWARD & REVERSE

## 17 PARALLEL PARKING

## 19 ALL WEATHER & NIGHT TIME DRIVING

## 2 COCKPIT & SAFETY CHECKS

## 4 USE OF MIRRORS & SIGNALS

## 6 JUNCTIONS - TURN & EMERGE RIGHT

## 8 ANTICIPATION & PLANNING

## 10 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

## 12 COMPLEX JUNCTIONS

## 14 MEETING TRAFFIC (URBAN)

## 16 PARKING KERBSIDE - RIGHT

## 18 TURNING THE CAR AROUND

## 20 COUNTRY ROADS

## 21 OVERTAKING (ALL ROAD TYPES)

## 23 INDEPENDENT DRIVING

## 22 FUEL EFFICIENT DRIVING

## 24 MOTORWAY DRIVING (OPTIONAL)

LEVEL 1  
INTRODUCED

LEVEL 2  
HELPED

LEVEL 3  
PROMPTED

LEVEL 4  
INDEPENDENT

LEVEL 5  
REFLECTION

### Skill 1: Legal responsibilities & Security

As a driver, it's your responsibility to know how the law relates to both yourself and your vehicle, so make sure that you're up to date with the rules, regulations and your personal security. You need to be aware of the ways that you can reduce the risks.

### Skill 2: Cockpit & Safety Checks

These checks may be simple, but they're essential. The car you're using needs to be comfortable and ready for you to drive before you start the engine. It's also important that your car is in good working order before you start the engine. You need to be aware of what to check, how to do it and how often to do it.

### Skill 3: Controls, Moving Away & Stopping

You need to concentrate on what's happening around you when you're driving, so operating the vehicle's controls should become second nature. You will also have to move away and stop every time you drive and that's why it's so important to make sure that you know how to move away and stop safely.

### Skill 4: Use of Mirrors & Signals

You must know what's happening around you at all times and act safely on what you see. You will also need to understand, and respond safely to, signals given by other motorists and give clear, well-timed signals to other road users so that they know what you're planning to do.

### Skill 5: Junctions - Turn & Emerge Left

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### Skill 7: Appropriate Speed & Other Traffic

Your speed should be based on various factors, including the condition of the road, weather and traffic, and the presence of pedestrians. Always drive within the speed limit. Also in most cases when you're driving, there will be other traffic on the road. You need to be able to deal safely and confidently when meeting, crossing and overtaking other vehicles.

### Skill 8: Anticipation and planning

These skills are found in all areas of driving. You should always be aware of what's going on around you while planning what you need to do in response. Planning ahead can also save you fuel, because easing off the accelerator earlier means you may not need to use the brakes as often or as heavily.

### Skill 9: Roundabouts - Mini & Standard

To deal with roundabouts safely and confidently, you should have a thorough understanding of the rules that apply when approaching and negotiating them.

### Skill 10: Pedestrian Crossings

You should be aware of the basic rules that apply to all pedestrian crossings but you also need to know the differences between each type of crossing.

### Skill 11: Emergency Stop

Effective scanning and reading of the road ahead will cut down the risk of having to make an emergency stop. If it's unavoidable, brake as quickly as possible while keeping the car under full control.

### Skill 12: Complex Junctions

It is important to understand the variation of road signs and markings associated with complex junctions as they can be very different from what you would normally expect due to how they are set out to minimise traffic congestion.