

Australian Capital Territory

# Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Learner Driver Standards (Government Licence Examiner) Approval 2009 (No 1)

Notifiable Instrument NI2009-8

made under the

*Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2000, s 119 (Approval of learner driver standards)*

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Learner Driver Standards (Government Licence Examiner) Approval 2009 (No 1).

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

## 3 Approval

I approve the Learner Driver Standards in the attached schedule for a learner driver to be assessed by an authorised person (Government Licence Examiner).

## 4 Expiry

This instrument remains in force until it is amended or repealed.

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Road Transport Authority

2 January 2009

## LEARNER DRIVER STANDARDS

The Learner Driver Standards are made under section 119 of the *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2000*. These Standards are a notifiable instrument and are for the assessment, by an authorised person (Government Licence Examiner), of a person's suitability to be issued with a provisional car licence.

As part of the Occupational Health & Safety procedures the applicant may choose to discontinue the assessment if he or she is physically or emotionally distressed and cannot continue. The assessment may also be discontinued if the applicant is not sufficiently cooperating with any directions given by the Licence Examiner.

### COMPETENCY No. 1 VEHICLE CONTROLS

#### PERFORMANCE

The applicant must identify and describe the function and operation of 5 vehicle controls, gauges and/or warning lights.

#### CONDITIONS

- Vehicle parked and secured in a low level traffic area with engine not running; or
- Licence Examiner may assess the applicant's ability to operate the controls while on the road.

#### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task a minimum of 1 time, during the assessment, unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The student will locate, identify and describe the function and operation of any of the following controls (where applicable):

1. ignition switch;
2. steering lock;
3. indicators;
4. hazard lights;
5. washers/wipers;
6. warning lights/gauges/alarms;
7. accelerator;
8. clutch pedal (if applicable);
9. foot brake;
10. park brake;
11. gear positions;
12. steering wheel adjustments;

13. horn
14. air conditioning system;
15. heating system;
16. demister system (front and rear);
17. light controls (including high/low beam control);
18. all door controls;
19. foot bracing point; and
20. other controls (eg cruise control, speed control & bonnet release).

**COMPETENCY No. 2 CABIN DRILL  
and  
COMPETENCY No. 3 START UP PROCEDURE**

PERFORMANCE

The applicant carries out adjustments required to ensure safe, effective and comfortable operation of the vehicle. The applicant should demonstrate the correct start up procedure.

CONDITIONS

- Seat and mirrors to be correctly adjusted prior to commencement of assessment;
- Vehicle parked and secured;
- Engine not running;
- Applicant in driver's seat;
- Ensure applicant checks for warning lights & gauges; and
- Ensure start up is correct within typical driving conditions.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task on at least one occasion during an assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner. The Licence Examiner will ask the applicant if he or she is ready to drive.

The applicant will ensure that:

1. the vehicle is parked and secured (park brake applied);
2. the seat and head restraint are properly adjusted;
3. the internal and external mirrors are properly adjusted for appropriate rear visibility;
4. the seat belts are secured for all occupants.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. the gear lever is in neutral or park (for automatic transmission);
2. ignition is turned on;
3. setting the accelerator and choke to recommended position (if applicable);
4. all warning lights and gauges are monitored and understood;
5. the vehicle is started; and
6. re-checking warning lights and gauges for possible faults.

## **COMPETENCY No. 4 MOVING OFF PROCEDURE**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates moving off from a stationary position safely, efficiently and while maintaining full control of the vehicle.

### CONDITIONS

- Parked adjacent to kerb in a low level traffic area, preferably free of parked cars, with engine running and park brake on.
- Stationary from an intersection hold line.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task on at least 8 occasions, during an entire assessment, unaided by the Licence Examiner. The applicant will be required to perform the task on a minimum of 4 times from a parked position and 4 times from an intersection hold line. The Licence Examiner will ask the applicant to move off when they are ready and when it is safe to do so.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. the clutch is depressed (if applicable);
2. the correct gear is selected (auto or manual);
3. braking is applied (auto or manual);
4. mirror use;
5. appropriate indication is used;
6. appropriate engine revs are applied;
7. clutch is at friction point (manual);
8. not stalling or labouring the vehicle;
9. mirror use again;
10. park brake is released, where necessary (auto or manual);
11. head check is performed (from parked position);
12. clutch is released (if applicable);
13. head check is performed again (as vehicle begins to move);
14. not rolling backwards;
15. smooth acceleration is applied;
16. indicators are cancelled (if required);
17. mirrors again; and
18. no traffic is obstructed.

## **COMPETENCY No. 5 GEAR CHANGING/CLUTCH OPERATION**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates smooth, efficient gear changing and gear selection according to road and traffic conditions, speed and vehicle requirements.

### CONDITIONS (All conditions must be assessed where possible)

- Road and traffic conditions allowing speeds up to posted speed limit.
- Intersections requiring stopping, slowing or turning.
- On steep hills (ascending and descending).

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. gear changes that are smooth and efficient;
2. selection of the appropriate gear and acceleration, in conjunction with the System of Vehicle Control (SVC);
3. not clashing or missing gears;
4. not coasting in neutral or in gear with the clutch depressed;
5. not riding the clutch unnecessarily;
6. using a foot bracing point (where fitted) between gear changes (do not rest foot on clutch pedal); and
7. not looking at gear lever or failing to return hand to wheel after each gear change.

### Automatic: (where applicable)

1. use of transmission kick-down (to move to a lower gear automatically);
2. use of electronic overdrive (where fitted); and
3. use of gears to retard on a descent.

## **COMPETENCY No. 6      STEERING CONTROL & VEHICLE POSITIONING**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates smooth and efficient steering control, including adopting suitable vehicle positioning.

### CONDITIONS

- Kerbed road (or road with clearly defined edges or edge markings).
- Sections of straight and sweeping curves, in low level traffic area with intersections.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. both hands on the steering wheel except when operating vehicle controls;
2. “ten to two” or “quarter to three” hand position;
3. “pull/push” steering technique is preferred (except slow manoeuvres where hand over hand may be acceptable);
4. maintains a safe following distance from other vehicles;
5. adopts correct lane positioning, keeping to the left (where appropriate);
6. maintaining a steady course on straight and curved roads with minimal, smooth and non-erratic corrections;
7. maintains a safe distance from parked vehicles; and
8. not harsh or abrupt steering movements.

## **COMPETENCY No. 7      TURNS - LEFT AND RIGHT**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and legal road position during left and right turns at intersections.

CONDITIONS (All conditions must be assessed where possible)

Driving on roads with traffic and the following intersections with turn conditions:

- from a single lane or no marked lane road onto another road;
- onto double/triple marked lane road from another road;
- from a double/triple marked lane road onto another road; and
- from a double/triple marked lane road onto another double/triple marked lane road.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner. There will be a minimum of 10 right turns, 10 left turns including 2 roundabouts.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. mirror use before and after turning;
2. appropriate indication, including entering and exiting roundabouts (where practical);
3. indicators are cancelled (if required);
4. selection of the appropriate turn lane or roundabout entry lane;
5. staying within the turn lane boundaries (not striking any objects – i.e. kerb);
6. appropriate speed and gear selection before and after turning;
7. selecting an appropriate gap in the traffic;
8. adopting a lane as near as practicable to the boundary of the carriageway;
9. exiting into a lane or unmarked carriageway with due regard for traffic, parked vehicles or an upcoming turn;
10. exiting into the appropriate corresponding lane or as directed by road markings (where applicable);
11. continually rechecking mirrors throughout the operation; and
12. not depressing clutch/selecting neutral when turning.



## **COMPETENCY No. 8      SPEED CONTROL**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates good speed control at safe and legal speeds whilst maintaining a safe following distance.

CONDITIONS (Both conditions must be assessed where possible)

- Roads with varying speed zones ranging from 40 km/h to 100 km/h.
- Medium level traffic, allowing travel at or close to the posted speed limit.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

Minimum of:    1 x 40 km/h zone;  
                    2 x 50 km/h zone;  
                    2 x 60 km/h zone;  
                    1 x 70 km/h zone (if available);  
                    1 x 80 km/h zone;  
                    1 x 90 km/h zone (if available); and  
                    1 x 100 km/h zone (if available).

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. not exceeding the speed limit and that smooth acceleration is applied;
2. driving at a safe and appropriate speed for road and traffic conditions;
3. not unnecessarily slowing other traffic;
4. ability and confidence to drive close to or at the speed limit when safe to do so;
5. a minimum 3 second gap ( larger gap for adverse conditions); and
6. good observation.

**COMPETENCY No. 9 SLOWING PROCEDURE  
and  
COMPETENCY No. 10 STOPPING PROCEDURE**

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates controlled and safe slowing and stopping procedures and demonstrates controlled braking to a safe stop.

CONDITIONS

- Varying road conditions with traffic; and
- Recognised stopping points (traffic lights – hold lines).

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task a minimum of 10 times throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. mirror use first;
2. appropriate indication (if applicable);
3. smooth and even slowing – not excessive lurching;
4. progressive braking;
5. maintaining full control of the vehicle;
6. not skidding or slewing;
7. appropriate steering line;
8. stopping at a recognised stopping point (eg hold line);
9. maintains a safe stopping distance from other vehicles;
10. not stalling or labouring the vehicle;
11. depression of the clutch at the correct time to prevent clutch coasting (riding the clutch), if applicable;
12. not selecting neutral prior to stopping;
13. appropriate gear selection and
14. re-check mirrors.

## COMPETENCY No. 11      HILL STARTS

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates controlled and smooth moving off, without stalling, during the hill start manoeuvre.

### CONDITIONS

Parked on incline, adjacent to kerb in low traffic area, with park brake applied or while stationary at any intersection.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task on a minimum of 1 occasion, unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will safely demonstrate controlled, smooth moving off from a parked position on an ascending road with a minimum 1 in 10 gradient or while stationary on an incline at an intersection.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct indication when drawing alongside and leaving the kerb;
2. selection of the appropriate gear and acceleration in conjunction with the System of Vehicle Control (SVC);
3. smooth acceleration is applied (appropriate engine revs);
4. mirror use;
5. head check is performed (from parked position);
6. correct operation of the park brake (fully released);
7. not rolling backwards;
8. mirror use again;
9. head check is performed again (as vehicle begins to move);
10. due regard to the safety and convenience of other road users; and
11. *Automatics* – depress footbrake before engaging drive.

**COMPETENCY No. 12      GIVE WAY RULES, INTERSECTIONS, TRAFFIC SIGNALS, ROUNDABOUTS, TRAFFIC SIGNS, MANDATORY SIGNS, ROADMARKINGS AND CROSSINGS**

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates compliance with the give way rules and drives safely and efficiently through intersections and crossings controlled by regulatory signs and traffic lights.

CONDITIONS

Roads with limited traffic containing intersections and crossings including traffic lights, stop signs, give way signs, pedestrian crossings, roundabouts and turning across uncontrolled oncoming traffic.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be required to perform the task throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner. The applicant will demonstrate driving safely and efficiently through controlled and uncontrolled intersections. These must include a minimum of:

- 4 x traffic lights;
- 2 x stop signs;
- 3 x give way signs;
- 2 x pedestrian crossings;
- 2 x roundabouts; and
- 3 x turns across uncontrolled oncoming traffic.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. full understanding and application of correct give way rules;
2. full understanding and application of mandatory signs, signals and road markings;
3. scanning and observation left/right, for traffic and pedestrians;
4. approaching traffic lights and regulatory signs at an appropriate speed, slowing, anticipating and being prepared to stop if required;
5. not delaying or obstructing traffic flow unnecessarily (ie. Scans late/poor judgement);
6. stopping as near as practical to hold lines without any part of the vehicle crossing them at stop signs or red traffic lights;
7. selecting an appropriate gap in the traffic;
8. appropriate judgement when entering an intersection without sufficient space (ie. Not obstructing traffic by queuing across intersection);
9. recognition of advisory signs and road markings; and
10. driving in accordance with all road rules.

## **COMPETENCY No. 13            REVERSING**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and accurate reversing parallel to a kerb.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting).

CONDITIONS – all conditions must be assessed (where possible).

- Straight level road with kerb or clearly defined straight sealed edge free of parked vehicles or other obstructions.
- Non-traffic or low level traffic area.
- Clear of pedestrian activity.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely demonstrate reversing in a straight line for a minimum of 25 metres.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct indication when drawing alongside and leaving the kerb;
2. observation for traffic, when drawing alongside and leaving the kerb, including mirror use and scanning;
3. head check is performed (from parked position);
4. observation to the rear (direction of travel);
5. appropriate braking (ie. give way to all other traffic and/or pedestrians);
6. avoid striking any objects (touch, strike or mount the kerb); and
7. driving at a safe and appropriate speed for road and traffic conditions.

## **COMPETENCY No. 14                      RIGHT ANGLE PARKING**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and accurate parking between two vehicles parked at a right angle to the kerb. The applicant then must leave the parked position to face the opposite direction to that of entry.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or thing.

### CONDITIONS

Right angle parking space with vehicles in parking spaces either side of the vacant space.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be directed to safely park nose to kerb between two vehicles at right angles to the kerb without striking any person, animal or thing.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. selection of an appropriate parking space;
2. mirror use;
3. correct indication;
4. appropriate speed;
5. appropriate steering;
6. parking the vehicle completely in the bay and securing the vehicle (including applying park brake);
7. scanning continually and to the rear when reversing out of bay;
8. not unduly obstructing other traffic; and
9. reversing out to face the opposite direction to that of entry.

## **COMPETENCY No. 15      REVERSE PARALLEL PARKING**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and accurate reverse parallel parking.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitted). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or thing.

### CONDITIONS

- A straight, level, low traffic area clear of pedestrian activity.
- Kerb or clearly defined straight sealed edge.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely reverse park behind a vehicle parallel to the kerb without striking any person, animal or thing.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct indication when drawing alongside and leaving the kerb;
2. observation for traffic (including mirror use and scanning), when drawing alongside adjacent vehicle, prior to reversing and before leaving parked position;
3. head check prior to reversing and before leaving parked position;
4. observation to the rear when reversing (direction of travel);
5. avoid striking any objects (touch, strike or mount the kerb);
6. steering only when the vehicle is moving;
7. position the vehicle in the bay and parallel to the kerb;
8. position the vehicle approximately 300 mm (30 cm) from the kerb and approximately 1 to 2 metres from the vehicle in front;
9. not reversing more than 3 metres behind the parked vehicle while manoeuvring;
10. not obstructing traffic or pedestrians, prior to reversing and before leaving parked position;
11. the vehicle is safely secured – applying the park brake; and
12. exiting parked position without over steering.

## **COMPETENCY No. 16      U-TURN**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates completion of a safe and efficient U-turn using forward gears.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or thing.

### CONDITIONS

- Straight level road preferably with kerbed edges and clear of driveways.
- Low level traffic area.
- Road of appropriate width, either single or multi-lane, where the vehicle can readily complete the manoeuvre.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely complete a U-turn at either:

- a median strip (single or multi-lane);
- a legally designated sign posted intersection; or
- on a wide road with kerbed edges.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. full understanding and application of correct give way rules;
2. mirror use;
3. correct indication and head check prior to the U-turn;
4. continual observation throughout the manoeuvre;
5. correct selection of an appropriate area;
6. correct positioning of the vehicle prior to commencing manoeuvre (ie. not obstructing traffic);
7. avoid striking any objects (touch, strike or mount kerb);
8. steering only when the vehicle is moving; and
9. driving in accordance with all road rules.



## **COMPETENCY No. 17                      TURN AROUND - THREE POINT TURN**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe and efficient turning around in the road, using forward and reverse gears.

The applicant may have a maximum of 2 attempts (time permitting). No part of the vehicle may strike any person, animal or thing.

### CONDITIONS

- A straight level low traffic area clear of pedestrian activity.
- Kerb or clearly defined straight sealed edge clear of driveways.
- Road of appropriate width that the vehicle can readily complete the manoeuvre in three to five directional changes.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely turn around in the road without striking any other object.

The applicant will be required to perform the task 1 time throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct stopping procedure when drawing alongside the kerb and prior to commencing the manoeuvre;
2. use of mirrors, indication and head check when commencing first turn;
3. observation for traffic (including mirror use and scanning), before leaving parked position;
4. continual scanning in all directions throughout the manoeuvre;
5. observation to the rear when reversing (direction of travel);
6. not using driveways or verges to assist;
7. an adequate turn in each movement;
8. avoid striking any objects (touch, strike or mount the kerb);
9. steering only when the vehicle is moving; and
10. completion of the manoeuvre in three to five directional changes within a reasonable time (ie. not obstructing traffic).

## **COMPETENCY No. 18      LANE CHANGING, MERGING & FORM ONE LANE**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe lane changing to the left, right, when merging, when entering roads and form one lanes.

*Note: Form One Lane is not a merge.*

### CONDITIONS

Moderate traffic conditions on multi-lane roads.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will safely change lanes, merge and form one lane.

The applicant will be required to perform the tasks throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

There will be a minimum of:

- 5 x right hand lane changes;
- 5 x left hand lane changes;
- 2 x merges (at 70km/h or more – if available); and
- 3 x form one lanes.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. mirror use;
2. selecting the appropriate lane (ie. determining course);
3. selecting an appropriate gap in the traffic;
4. correct indication, prior to lane change/diverging;
5. head check prior to lane change/diverging;
6. maintains a steady course when conducting head check;
7. adopting appropriate speed, prior to lane change/diverging (ie. not obstructing traffic);
8. not harsh or abrupt steering movements; and
9. indicators are cancelled (if required).

## **COMPETENCY No. 19      OVERTAKING**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates safe overtaking of a vehicle travelling in the same direction on a single lane road or multi-lane carriageway (to be attempted only at applicant discretion).

### CONDITIONS

Suitable traffic conditions.

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will, on at least one occasion (where possible), safely overtake a slower vehicle while still remaining within the posted speed limit.

The student will demonstrate:

1. selecting an appropriate gap in the traffic;
2. mirror use and correct indication, prior to lane change/diverging;
3. head check, prior to lane change/diverging;
4. appropriate acceleration to overtake the vehicle;
5. checking that the overtaken vehicle is visible in the central mirror before moving back into the lane;
6. correct indication back into lane; and
7. adopting appropriate speed before, during and after overtaking (ie. not obstructing traffic).

**COMPETENCY No. 20      OBSERVATION SKILLS, VISUAL SEARCHING &  
SCANNING AND HAZARD RECOGNITION**

PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates continuous forward scanning and regular observation to the sides and rear of the vehicle.

CONDITIONS

Using a wide variety of different road and traffic conditions.

REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will maintain continuous observation to the front, sides and rear of the vehicle.

The applicant will be required to perform the tasks throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct response to any potential or real hazard;
2. continuous scanning to both the left and right sides of the vehicle;
3. scanning short, middle and long distances; and
4. continuous rechecking mirrors with observation to the rear.

## **COMPETENCY No. 21      COMPLIANCE WITH THE SYSTEM OF VEHICLE CONTROL**

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates consistency in the application of the System of Vehicle Control (SVC).

### CONDITIONS

Roads with features requiring driver preparation (ie. stop and give way signs, right and left turn intersections, lane changes).

### REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will drive the vehicle continually using a systematic method of approach to all traffic situations. The applicant must also consider the current road conditions and the correct use of vehicle controls to ensure the safe passage of the vehicle through the hazard.

The applicant will be required to perform the tasks continually throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

The applicant will demonstrate:

1. correct course selection (observing/deciding/selecting correct line of approach);
2. mirror use first;
3. correct indication (where required);
4. braking (where required);
5. gear selection (where required) using skip shifting;
6. mirror use again;
7. correct evasive action (avoiding or negotiating a situation or hazard by stopping or turning);
8. appropriate acceleration when exiting course; and
9. mirror use when exiting course.

## ASSESSMENT COMPLIANCE

### PERFORMANCE

The applicant demonstrates previously learnt skills on the road and applies – observation, judgement, anticipation, decision-making skills and the correct use of the System of Vehicle Control against all 21 competencies.

### CONDITIONS

The applicant will be required to perform all 21 competencies, throughout an entire assessment unaided by the Licence Examiner.

### COMPLIANCE

To pass the assessment, the applicant must achieve a total test mark of 90% or above. The total test mark percentage is based on the number of X's identified on the *Practical Driving Assessment sheet* during the assessment by the Government Licence Examiner.

No. of X's	Test Mark % (manual vehicle)	Test Mark % (automatic vehicle)
1	99	99
2	98	98
3	97	97
4	97	96
5	96	96
6	95	95
7	94	94
8	93	93
9	92	92
10	91	91
11	91	90
12	90	89
13	89	88
14	88	88
15	87	87
16	86	86
17	85	85
18	84	84
19	84	83
20	83	82
21	82	81
22	81	80
23	80	79
24	79	79
25	78	78

No. of X's	Test Mark % (manual vehicle)	Test Mark % (automatic vehicle)
26	78	77
27	77	76
28	76	75
29	75	74
30	74	73
31	73	72
32	72	71
33	72	71
34	71	70
35	70	69
36	69	68
37	68	67
38	67	66
39	66	65
40	66	64
41	65	63
42	64	63
43	63	62
44	62	61
45	61	60
46	60	59
47	59	58
48	59	57
49	58	56
50	57	55

Competencies that are marked with an X on the *Practical Driving Assessment sheet* identify that the applicant's skills are assessed as needing improvement.

Mandatory *fail items* are listed as follows:

- Disobey traffic signs, signals or road markings.
- Fail to give way when necessary.
- Collide with a vehicle, pedestrian or object.
- Perform an illegal act or manoeuvre.
- Exceed the speed limit.
- Action requiring assessor intervention such as taking control of the vehicle.
- Cause a dangerous situation.
- Fail to give way to an emergency vehicle.
- Frequently not signal intention.
- Unable to complete full assessment.
- Unreasonably obstruct other vehicles or pedestrians.
- Takes excessive time
- Repeatedly fail to scan/conduct head checks.

An applicant who fails to complete a mandatory *fail item* correctly automatically fails the assessment. The Licence Examiner may decide to discontinue the assessment depending on the severity of the mandatory *fail item* and whether it is believed that the continuation of the assessment could cause danger to the applicant, Licence Examiner or members of the public.