

Learning to Drive

Booking the tests.

The booking process is now required to be done online wherever possible. If you have difficulty with this or need to book special accommodations in the theory test, you can phone 0300 200 1122.

The Driving Theory test.

Since January 2000, theory tests have been delivered using a touch screen computer. Candidates sit at individual booths. The 50 questions appear one at a time on a computer screen and candidates select their multiple choice answers by touching the screen. Candidates can also work through a practice session for up to 15 minutes to get used to the system before starting their test. We recommend that you take full advantage of the practice session.

During the test, the screen shows which of the 50 questions you are doing, and how much time you have remaining. You can change your answers. A review screen tells you how many questions you have completed, any incomplete answers (i.e. not enough choices marked) and which questions you have 'flagged' to return to later.

Candidates receive their test results, and feedback information about errors within 30 minutes of finishing the test. You will not be told about specific questions which were wrong, but only the subject area where errors occurred.

Special arrangements

Theory Test.

The touch screen computer system has the option for dyslexic candidates to listen to the test being read in English through a headset. Voice-overs in 20 other languages are available.

Dyslexic candidates can also apply to have up to double the standard 57 minutes. In practice very few candidates find that they need extra time as the standard time is generous. However some candidates may benefit from the reassurance of having extra time, even if it is not used. In order to book extra time you will need to provide evidence of dyslexic difficulties.

You need to request any special arrangements on the online form when you apply for the test. However if you forget to request the voice-over and headset, you could ask for this when you check in at the test centre.

You may be asked for evidence of dyslexia: a letter or report from a professional should explain your reading ability, i.e. a teacher, a psychologist, or Local Dyslexia Association officer. You will have to phone again for a test date after the report has been processed.

Some people with dyslexia may have significant difficulties with comprehension and need someone to explain the question in a different way, known as an Oral Language Modifier. It may be possible to book this accommodation also online.

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