



# CLASS D SKILLS TEST GUIDE

## TURNS

### **Approach:**

Traffic Checks - Check traffic ahead, left, right and to the rear before reaching the corner. Look toward or make eye contact with other drivers or pedestrians.

Signal - Activate turn signal at least 100' before the corner. Signaling too early or too late may confuse other drivers.

Speed - Reduce speed and apply brakes smoothly.

Lane - Use designated lane for turn. Right turn-be as close as practical to curb/edge of roadway. Left turn-be as close as practical to the left edge of the turning lane.

Unnecessary Stop or Hesitates - Proceed through turn unless required to stop or because of other vehicles. Do not hesitate unnecessarily.

### **Stop:**

Gap - Leave enough room to see the rear bumper of the vehicle in front or room to go around if other vehicle stalls. Defensive driving means keeping a safe zone around you.

Stop Line - Always stop before a painted stop line. If no painted stop line, stop before the crosswalk. Pedestrians have the right-of-way.

Wheels Straight - When turning left, keep wheels straight until you start the turn. When wheels are turned, you may be pushed into oncoming traffic, if hit from behind.

### **Turn/Complete:**

Traffic Check - Check traffic ahead, left and right thoroughly before starting and completing the turn.

Gears - Shift gears before the turn, not during the turn.

Speed - Accelerate at a safe speed through the turn.

Lane - Enter and complete turn in the correct lane. Maintain proper position in lane. Do not turn so wide or short that it interferes with other lanes of traffic. Check the Motorist Handbook for turning at multiple lane streets.

## INTERSECTIONS

### **Stopped Intersection:**

Traffic Check - Check traffic both ways and to the rear before you reach the corner.

Speed/Lane - Reduce speed and apply brakes smoothly when approaching a stopped intersection. Keep vehicle centered in proper lane.

Gap/Stop Line - See TURNS/Stop/Gap/Stop Line

### **Driving Through:**

Traffic Check - Check traffic both ways before driving through the intersection. Yield to traffic on your right at an uncontrolled intersection.

Speed/Lane - At an uncontrolled intersection, slow down and be ready to stop if traffic does not yield to you. Keep vehicle centered in lane.

Unnecessary Stop - See Turn/Approach/Unnecessary Stop/Hesitates

**NOTE: If A Driver Does Not Look And Slow Down At An Uncontrolled Intersection, It Is An Immediate Disqualification.**

## BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL

Traffic Check - Check the rearview mirror about every 6 to 8 seconds to have an overall knowledge of the traffic pattern.

Speed/Lane - Maintain speed for existing traffic, weather or road conditions without exceeding the posted speed limits. Keep vehicle centered in proper lane.

Close to Vehicle or Object - Leave a safe space to front and side.

## LANE CHANGE

Traffic Check - Check traffic to left, right and the rear before changing lanes. Check the "blind spot" by looking over your shoulder.

Signal - Turn your signal on to alert other drivers of your intention to change direction.

Speed/Control - Lane change should be done smoothly, without impeding traffic or exceeding the posted speed limit.

Spacing - Leave a safe space to front and rear of vehicle. Do not change lanes in an intersection.

## Y-TURN

### **Approach:**

Traffic Check - Glance to the rear and check over the right shoulder when pulling to the curb.

Signal - Turn on the right turn signal to alert other drivers you are moving right.

## Y-TURN (continued)

### **Performance:**

Traffic Check - Check over your left shoulder before leaving the curb. Once across the street, check both up and down the street before starting the backing part of the Y-turn. While backing, look back over your right shoulder.

Signal – Turn on left turn signal to alert other drivers you are leaving the curb.

Speed/Control - Back no more than once and no faster than a slow walk

### **Resume:**

Traffic Check - Check left and to the right before moving forward in traffic lane.

Speed/Lane - Accelerate smoothly at a safe speed when pulling into traffic lane. Vehicle should be in proper lane and not over center line.

## ROADSIDE STOP & START (HILL PARK)

### **Approach:**

Traffic Check - See Y-TURN/Approach/Traffic Check.

Signal - See Y-TURN/Approach/Signal.

Speed/Lane/Control - Decrease speed when pulling next to curb. Stop vehicle parallel and within 1 foot of the curb.

### **Performance:**

Control - Set emergency brake. Check the Motorist's Handbook for proper direction to turn the wheel when parking on a hill.

### **Resume:**

Traffic Check - Check the "blind spot" over your left shoulder before pulling back into traffic.

Signal - Turn on left turn signal to alert other drivers you are leaving the curb.

Speed/Lane - See Y-TURN/Resume/Speed/Lane

## PARKING SKILLS

**NOTE:** A parallel parking maneuver will be conducted on the street during the skills test if a parked vehicle is available. If unable to find a vehicle, parking skills will be evaluated while parking at the DMV service center.

### **Approach:**

Traffic Check - See Y-TURN/Approach/Traffic Check

Signal - See Y-TURN/Approach/Signal

### **Performance:**

Traffic Check - Scan sidewalk area and behind vehicle, when backing, look back over your right shoulder.

Control/Spacing - A legally parked vehicle should be no more than 1 foot from the curb or 2 feet from the vehicle in front and back.

### **Resume:**

Traffic Check – See HILL PARK/Resume/Traffic Check.

Signal – See HILL PARK/Resume Signal

Speed Lane – See Y-TURN/Resume/Speed Lane

## BACKING

### **Approach:**

Traffic Check - See Y-TURN/Approach/Traffic Check

Signal - See Y-TURN/Approach/Signal

### **Performance:**

Control - Back in a straight path and no faster than a slow walk. While backing, look back over your right shoulder.

### **Resume:**

Traffic Check - See Y-TURN/Resume/Traffic Check

Speed/Lane - See Y-TURN/Resume/Speed/Lane

## PARKING LOT

Traffic Check - Check traffic when exiting and entering the lot. Watch for vehicles and pedestrians when driving in the parking lot.

Speed - Drive at a slow rate of speed

Right of Way - Yield right of way to pedestrians.

Knowledge of Vehicle - Know where the controls are and how they work.

## Disqualifications

- **Law Violation**
  - Disobeys sign/signal
  - Speed
  - 1 turn from or 2 turns into improper lane
- **Dangerous Act**
  - Evasive Action/right of way
  - Examiner Warning/control
  - Uncontrolled Intersection
- **Accident**
- **Demonstrates Inordinate Lack of Skill, Ability or Knowledge**