



# ROAD TO SUCCESS

A Comprehensive Guide to Obtaining Your

**UK Driving License**



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## 1. Provisional License

- a. Online Form – To Fill & Download the form,  
Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-first-provisional-driving-licence>  
Charges: £34
- b. Send the filled form by the Post along with Passport/BRP – Approximate Cost: £5-10
- c. In 3-4 Weeks', time, you will get the provisional license delivered to your given address by the Royal Mail

## 2. Theory Test

- a. Passing Marks Required – Minimum (86%): 43 out of 50
- b. Passing Percentage Rate is approx. 50% only. Therefore, practice extensively. Try to understand the concepts and road signs very well. Without having a good practice, do not ever attempt any test.
- c. Online Test Booking – Find a test centre close to your home and book a test - 4 to 6 Weeks in Advance  
<https://www.gov.uk/book-theory-test>  
Charges - £23
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- d. Download any of these two Mobile Apps to Practice. Both are good.  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.tso.ctt&hl=en&gl=US>  
<https://drivingtestsuccess.com/driving-theory-test-4-in-1-app/>  
Charges - £5
- e. Practice Hazard Tests as well. Learn Road Signs very well. These are relatively easy to learn but need a good amount of online practice.
- e. Online Sites – Practice Mock Test  
<https://www.gov.uk/take-practice-theory-test>  
<https://toptests.co.uk/mock-theory-test/>  
<https://theorytest.org.uk/>
- f. The Highway Code – Borrow this book from the local library and read it well. Not mandatory but will be good
- g. Watch YouTube Videos  
<https://www.youtube.com/@DRIVINGTHEORYUK>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@DGNDriving>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@DrivingTV/videos>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBxn4A0PFTM>
- h. Join these Helpful Groups on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416240265566154/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/DrivingTestSuccess>

### 3. Driving Classes

- a. Find a good Local Instructor. Take references from the friends, neighbours, colleagues who had a personal experience with the instructor. Book Driving Classes with the instructor in advance. Normally, good instructors are busy and they would give you 2-3 classes per week depending upon your and their availability
- b. Take Classes – Charges are 35 to 40 Pounds/Hour. 2 Hour Classes in one day. A minimum of 10-20 classes are required to learn the traffic rules and necessary guidance
- c. Supplement your learning by watching YouTube videos. Here are some popular and useful channels:
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/@krishpinner>
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/@ClearviewDriving>
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/@sanket4747>
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/@ConquerDriving>
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/@AdvanceDrivingSchool>
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/@DGNDriving>
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/@DrivingTV/videos>
  - 🔗 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBxn4A0PFTM>
- d. Practice Test Routes and Manoeuvres  
Familiarize yourself with test routes, parking, roundabouts, and manoeuvres.
- e. Practice Show Me and Tell Me Questions well  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5alG55H4Q0&pp=ygUiZHJpdmluZyB0ZXN0IHf1ZXN0aW9ucy-BhbmQgYW5zd2Vycw%3D%3D>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uh8slnP76-w&pp=ygUiZHJpdmluZyB0ZXN0IHf1ZXN0aW9ucy-BhbmQgYW5zd2Vycw%3D%3D>
- f. Practice Double Roundabouts
- g. Practice Cross Roads
- h. Practice on Double Carriageways

### 4. Practical Test Booking

- a. Book the Practice Test Online and 3-6 Months in Advance
- b. Take Help and Guidance from your Driving Instructor
- c. Take Test only when your Driving Instructor approves of it
- d. Ensure the car meets DVSA guidelines and has valid insurance
- e. 20 Minutes of Driving based on Sat Navigation
- f. 20 Minutes of Driving based on the Instructions from the Examiner
- g. 45 minutes of total driving on road in various conditions with the Examiner
- h. One Major Fault can lead to Test Fail
- i. Only 50% people pass the test
- j. 15 Minor Faults are allowed. Its very common to make 5-6 mistakes

## 5. Practical Test

### a. Mental Preparation

- Mentally prepare for the practical test
- Stay calm, observe, and plan in advance. Be attentive always

### b. Safe Driving

- Do not rush ever. Listen to the instructions carefully
- Maintain the speed limits. Do not cross the speed limits at any cost
- Do not drive at slow speed. Do not hesitate at junctions or other places. Make right judgments based on your learnings and knowledge
- Observe all situations carefully and then react as needed
- Do not use indicators unnecessarily. Do not confuse anyone

### c. Final Tips:

- Be Ready for the worst. In case you fail, you can take the test again after 10 days.
- Practice, Practice and Practice. Observe, Plan and Act
- Safe and Legal are the key words. Think about them always
- Priority is always given to the other road users especially pedestrians
- You should not make any other road user slow down, stop or swerve (3 S's) when meeting, overtaking or turning across other traffic
- Parking can be done only in designated places
- Car should not hit the curb while parking or reversing
- There should not be any movement in 4 cars length while reversing

**Note :-** Created by Pratyush Kumar, based on his personal experience of learning and going through the learning challenges.

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