

Ready to Pass?

Congratulations! You have passed your theory test. Now is the time to work towards your practical test, but please speak to your instructor before you book it.

While we hope for your last lessons that you will be driving independently, it's worth remembering that your driving test will be the first time that you are truly driving by yourself. Your instructor is there to help you learn and keep you safe. The examiner is there just to observe, not help or instruct.

With this in mind, we want you to have the best chance possible of a successful driving test.

The Ready to Pass campaign is designed to help you make an informed decision as to whether you are ready to take your test.

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Are you driving independently?

Look at your progress chart on Total Drive. Each skill is ranked 1 to 5. Ideally, 5 would be completely independent, but 4 means 'seldom prompted'. You should aim for mainly 5s, some 4s are OK, but anything 3 or below is likely to cause you problems on a test.

On your overall score, you should be aiming for at least 95%.

2. Are you making 'silly mistakes'?

They may be just 'silly mistakes', but think about how they would be scored on a test. Often things that are written off as a silly mistake would result in a fail on a test, or an accident in real life.

3. Can you pass a mock driving test?

If you can't pass a mock test, it's likely you won't pass the real one either. We often hear people say "oh, but I wouldn't do that on a real test". That's great, you just need to prove it on a mock.

4. Are you confident in your driving ability?

This covers your confidence in your ability to drive, and your ability to pass the test. Ask yourself this: if you don't feel like you are a good driver, why would the examiner?

If you are finding that confidence is an issue for you, speak to your instructor and we will do everything we can to help.

5. Does your instructor think you are ready?

If you can cover the other four points in this list, it is likely that we will agree you are ready for your test. Remember though that this is our specialist subject. If we have any remaining doubts we can advise you on how you can improve.

However, if we do not feel that you are ready for the test, we will advise you to postpone until a later date, and we reserve the right to withhold use of our vehicles for the test.

Please note that you can no longer just 'have a go' at a driving test if you are not ready. This is what mock tests are for. The test slot is better used by someone that is ready and this will help reduce the waiting times for future tests.

Remember that you are not just trying to pass a test. Once you have a licence you will be on the roads, alone, with no instructor to give you advice or bail you out if you make a mistake. Our goal is the same it has always been: Safe Driving for Life. We are not just here to get you to the minimum standard required to scrape through a test, we want you to be a safe driver for the rest of your life. Make the most of your lessons.