

Driver Assessment Scheme Assessment Criteria

1. All vehicle and driver documentation must be available for inspection and should be valid. Without which the assessment will not take place.
2. The driver must be able to comply with the regulation eye test (20.5 metres or 67 feet).
3. A basic knowledge of vehicle safety checks and maintenance will need to be demonstrated.
4. The vehicle must be in a legal, roadworthy and clean condition.
5. The assessor will explain that the driver should drive normally and follow the road ahead unless instructions are given otherwise or unless road signs or markings require the driver to do otherwise.
6. The driver will be expected to demonstrate a consistently safe drive throughout the assessment and show courtesy and consideration to others at all times.
7. The driver will be expected to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the Highway Code and other driving matters.
8. No attempt will be made by the assessor to 'trick' the driver and he/she will not be expected to do anything that could not be construed as normal in their everyday job.
9. The assessment is to be seen as a helpful exercise where minor faults are displayed by the driver may be corrected given the time available. However, if a minor fault is persistent it may be considered by the assessor as a potentially dangerous fault.
10. Any fault that is deemed by the assessor to be dangerous or potentially dangerous will result in a failure of that assessment.
11. An explanation, if required, will be given by the assessor of any minor or dangerous faults and the driver will have an opportunity to discuss these points.
12. Appointments for a subsequent assessment, should it be required, will have to be arranged through the normal channels.

Notes:

Minor Fault	Any driving fault that, on its own, would not affect the safety or progress of any other road user whether they are there or not.
Potentially Dangerous Fault	It that is persistent and may, by its persistence, affect the safety or progress of other road users.
Dangerous Fault	Any driving fault that would affect the safety or progress of any other road user whether they are there or not.
Failure	Any driver who fails the initial assessment may wish to consider undertaking remedial training, followed by a further assessment. Three successive failures of a safety assessment will lead to the refusal of the licence.

