



Drivers License Road Test



What You Need to Know Before the Road Test

You need to prepare before you go to the DMV office to apply for your license.

The Night Before

The best way to prepare for any exam is to:

- Get a good night's sleep and
- Eat a good, healthy breakfast

Studies show that students who get a good night's sleep and eat a good, healthy breakfast generally score higher on exams than students who don't.

Attitude

You've heard it before: attitude is everything. You really want your license and may feel nervous about doing well on your exam. That is to be expected, but don't let your nerves or expectations get in the way. Keeping a smile on your face, a confident attitude, and showing respect will make the experience easier for everyone.

Be prepared to face long lines and, sometimes, impolite people. Keep in mind that they're not being rude because of you. Some people immaturely take their frustrations out on the people around them. Don't let it get to you and show respect even if they aren't showing you much respect; acting like they do will only make things worse.

Also, if your examiner is not in a good mood, it has nothing to do with you. He or she might just be having a bad day. Keep a positive attitude and cut your examiner some slack; testing people's driving abilities all day can get pretty rough.

You've done your homework: you've studied and practiced for this day. You know the information and are ready to pass this test. You're not going to let anybody else's bad attitude keep you from getting your license.

Dress

First impressions are important and your clothes are one of the things your examiner sees first. Dress appropriately. Keep in mind this is not the time to demonstrate your individuality.

True, the clothes don't make the person and we should all accept everyone for who they are, but the fact is that examiners don't have time to really get to know your personality and *have* to make snap judgments about you in order to do their job efficiently. Therefore, examiners who see someone dressed sloppily or in clothes with shocking images or language may form a first impression that this person is disrespectful, may have a poor driving attitude, and deserves watching very carefully.

Your Test Vehicle (refer to the Vehicle Safety Inspection Checklist)

Just like your dress, you want your car to make a good first impression too. Make sure the vehicle you are using for the road test is clean inside and out. Examiners don't want to sit in a car with empty bottles and food wrappers all over the place and may postpone the test if they think their clothes will get dirty from sitting in your car.

Documents (refer to the Pre-Road Test Checklist)

Make sure that you have all the necessary documents to prove your identity. Know where your registration and insurance paperwork are located in the car and make sure they are up to date.

