

Senior re-testing program

If you are informed by the Ministry to take a road test, because of a collision, this will take the form of a G2 test. This takes approximately 30 minutes and consists of Expressway, city and residential driving, 3 point turns, Parallel parking and good observation.

Driving a car safely and efficiently in traffic involves much more than passing a government road test.

However, this is a necessary stage. DriveTest examiners want to ensure that the senior driver has adequate control over the vehicle, knows the rules of the road and the correct procedures for managing a vehicle in traffic, and can make safe decisions based on **GOOD OBSERVATION**.

The Professional Instructor is skilled in retraining these basics.

- It will help enormously if you take the time to refresh your memory by reading through the "Drivers Handbook".



Defensive Driving Techniques:

Being a good defensive driver means more than just being cautious, and mere experience isn't enough either. The good defensive driver has to work at developing good driving techniques. The following is a summary of the defensive driving concepts commonly covered in a refresher lesson.

Managing Time and Space:

This concept is critical to the tactics used in defensive driving.

The driver must have space to maneuver and time to react and the following time rules help the driver to compensate for age and invaluable in reducing risk in traffic.

The 3-second rule:

This provides safe spacing when following another car at any speed. By noting when a car ahead of you passes a fixed point and counting your time to reach that point, you can determine whether your spacing is safe. 3 seconds (count "one thousand and one, one thousand and two, one thousand and three") is the minimum safe space.

Visual lead time:

Ideally, the defensive driver is anticipating traffic movements and potential hazards as far away as the point the car will reach in 15-20 seconds. With-in this distance the driver should scan the scene, including the sidewalks, and make adjustment to speed and position as necessary.

LANE CHANGE SEQUENCE

1. Check rear view mirror unless you have a truck or van that does not allow you to see the rear with the interior mirror **ALWAYS** use the **INTERIOR MIRROR FIRST**.
2. If Clear? Signal ON.
3. Shoulder-check your blind-spot. (Chin to shoulder) or have mirrors adjusted by a professional to see your blind-spots when you glance in them.
4. If safe, look forward and glide over, **MAINTAIN YOUR SPEED***. **Speed is regulated by the space you have around your vehicle; other vehicles speed, road conditions, as well as speed limits.*
5. Cancel signal after changing lanes.

LEGAL STOPPING POSITIONS

1. Behind the White Line
2. Before the Sidewalk
3. If **NO** white line or sidewalk—stop at the end of the roadway.