



MORE ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE TEST

There is a popular misconception that the 'knowledge' is difficult. That is far from the truth. Most applicants pass the test within three tries. However, the test is not easy. It is intended to convince us that you have a good idea of where you are going. With a little bit of effort on your part you will pass it without too much trouble.

The public have a right to expect that, when they get into either a taxi or private hire vehicle, the driver will know how to get to the destination. After all, they are paying for that level of service.

The test is in two parts of three sections in each. The first part concentrates on knowledge of roads.

You will be asked to name the start and finish points of 6 main roads, 8 through roads and 10 minor roads. There is no set pass mark for these sections, but you will be expected to correctly answer all the main roads and through roads and at least 75% of the minor roads. The examiner will use their discretion when considering your answers. Your test will centre on the area you mainly intend to work in, but there will be questions about other parts of the district.

The second part is about journeys, places of interest and knowledge of the laws and conditions applying to the trade. On these three sections you will only be allowed one incorrect answer on each section.

You will be expected to detail the shortest routes between two places on six typical journeys. You should be able to name the roads you travel along and identify any major features on the route such as traffic light junctions, roundabouts, one-way streets, etc.

You should be able to accurately state where eight places are located in the district. These will include pubs, clubs, restaurants, public buildings and parks, railway stations, etc.

You will be given booklets detailing the laws and conditions applicable to both sides of the licensed trade. It is important that you understand the differences between hackney carriages and private hire vehicles. You will be asked ten questions in this section. We do not expect applicants to know the rules regarding LPG and trailers at this stage.

If you do not pass the test first time you will only be re-tested on those parts that you did not pass. You will not be asked the same questions next time round.

If you still have not passed the test after four attempts, you will be asked to come back in four months to try again.

A specimen knowledge test

1. Main Roads			Correct	Incorrect
A	1	East Mayne		
	2	Nethermayne		
	3	Noak Hill Rd		
	4	Mandeville Way		
	5	London Road Wickford		
	6	Uppermayne		

2. Through Roads			Correct	Incorrect
B	1	Clayhill Rd		
	2	Whitmore Way		
	3	Barleylands Rd		
	4	Paycocke Rd		
	5	Radwinter Ave		
	6	Pitsea Rd		
	7	Timberlog Lane		
	8	Staneway		

3. Minor Roads			Correct	Incorrect
C	1	The Greensted		
	2	Daltons Fen		
	3	The Hatherly		
	4	Hillhouse Drive		
	5	Twinstead		
	6	Loxford		
	7	Brickfields Road		
	8	Lanhams		
	9	Delimands		
	10	Highview Avenue		

Routes		Correct	Incorrect
Basildon Railway Station	Watermill		
Pitsea Railway Station	Mapleford Sweep		
Felmores End	The Hay Wain		
Pitsea/Vange Wkg Men's club	Methersgate		
Laindon Centre	Blue Boar Billericay		
Wickford Police Station	Basildon Mags Court		

Places of Interest		Correct	Incorrect
1	David Lloyd Leisure Centre		
2	Gloucester Park swimming pool		
3	Pitsea Royal British Legion club		
4	Basildon College		
5	Chalvedon Hall		
6	ASK Restaurant		
7	Rileys PH/Snooker		
8	The Swan Pub		

Licence Conditions and byelaws		Correct	Incorrect
1	What is the dress code for drivers?		
2	What are the age limits for vehicles		
3	What docs must be carried at all times on your vehicle?		
4	What shall driver not do when vehicle is under hire?		
5	What must a driver wear at all times when working?		
6	What must driver do if convicted/cautioned for an offence?		
7	What is the minimum number of passengers a vehicle is licensed for?		
8	What must be carried on vehicle and be ready for use at all times?		
9	What are the instructions to drivers re passenger's luggage?		
10	What must you not do to fare meter?		