



Theory Test Free Guide



Welcome to the PassLab FREE Theory Test Guide

This guide gives you the complete foundation to prepare for the DVSA Theory Test. It's designed to be clear, accurate, and practical – everything you need to understand, without being overwhelmed.

You'll learn:

- ✓ All key Highway Code rules
- ✓ Essential diagrams
- ✓ Road signs
- ✓ Markings
- ✓ Speed limits
- ✓ Priority rules
- ✓ Safe driving principles
- ✓ How to learn smarter, not harder



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How the Theory Test Works

- Multiple-Choice (MCQ) Test
- 50 questions
- 43 needed to pass
- 57 minutes
- Topics included:
- Alertness
- Hazard awareness
- Attitude
- Safety margins
- Road signs
- Vehicle handling
- Vulnerable road users
- Motorway rules
- Rules of the road
- Safety equipment
- Incident handling

- HAZARD PERCEPTION:
- 14 clips
- 15 developing hazards
- 1 clip contains 2 hazards
- Score out of 75
- Need 44 to pass

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The PassLab Learning Method

- We teach using 4 core principles:
- Clarity — Simple, jargon-free explanations
- Visual Learning — Diagrams, layouts and examples
- Memory Hooks — Tricks to remember rules
- Application — Real-world reasoning so you understand the rule

The Road Sign System

Road signs follow a predictable pattern:



Red Triangle = Warning

Red Circle = Prohibition (must not)



Blue Circle = Mandatory (must)

Blue Rectangle = Information



Green Rectangle = Primary Route Directions

White Rectangle = Local Directions



Brown Rectangle = Tourist Signs

Octagon = STOP sign only



These signs warn you of hazards ahead.



Examples include:

- Bend left/right
- Double bend
- Junctions (T-junction, staggered, crossroads)
 - Roundabout ahead
 - Slippery road
- Steep hill up/down
 - Falling rocks
- Road narrows
- Two-way traffic
 - Pedestrians
- School children
- Animals (cattle, sheep, horses)



These signs tell you what you must not do



Common examples:

- No entry
- No U-turn
- No left/right turn
- No overtaking
- No motor vehicles
- No cycling
- No pedestrians
- Height/weight/width limits



These signs tell you what you must do



Examples:

- Turn left/right ahead
 - Mini-roundabout
 - Keep left/right
- Route for buses, bikes or trams only
- Minimum speed limit



INFORMATION SIGNS



Examples include:

- Lane directions
- One-way street
 - Bus lanes
- Controlled parking zones
- Services information



Direction Signs Explained



Green = Primary routes

White = Local routes

Brown = Tourist attractions



PRIORITY RULES OVERVIEW



Priority rules save lives. Key principles:

1. Give way to traffic already on the main road
2. Give way to the right at roundabouts
3. Give way to oncoming traffic when signs show
4. Give way to emergency vehicles
5. Pedestrians crossing have priority



Give Way vs STOP – The Difference

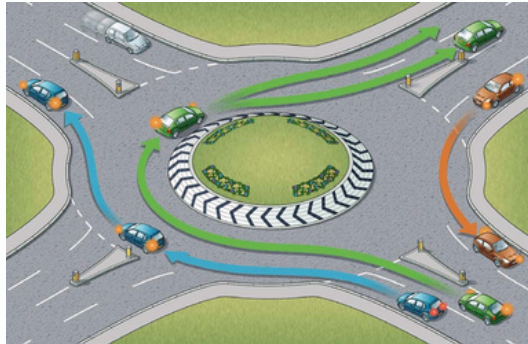


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ROUNABOUT PRIORITY



At roundabouts:

- Traffic on the roundabout has priority
 - You give way to the right
- Signal left only when leaving
- Choose the correct lane early



PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY



Pedestrians have priority when:

- Already crossing the road
- At zebra crossings (you must stop)
- At parallel crossings
- At junctions if they have started crossing



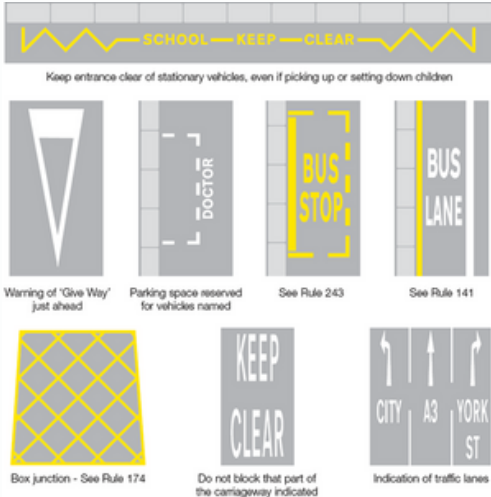
Speed Limits: The Simple Rules



- Built-up areas: 30 mph
- National speed limit:
- Cars: 60 (single), 70 (dual)
- Street lights = usually 30 mph
- School roads may be 20 mph



LANE MARKINGS



KEY RULES:

- Broken white lines = normal
- Longer broken lines = hazards ahead
- Solid white line = MUST NOT cross
 - Double solid = stay in your lane
- Yellow lines = waiting restrictions
 - Zig-zags = no stopping



MOTORWAY BASICS



- Motorways: What You Must Know
- Hard shoulder only used in emergencies
 - Left lane = normal driving
 - Middle/right lanes = overtaking
 - Red “X” = lane closed
- Smart motorway refuge areas = emergency use
- No learners without an approved ADI in a dual-controlled car



VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

- Pedestrians
 - Cyclists
- Motorcyclists
- Horse riders
 - Children
 - Elderly
 - Disabled
- Road workers



OVERTAKING RULES

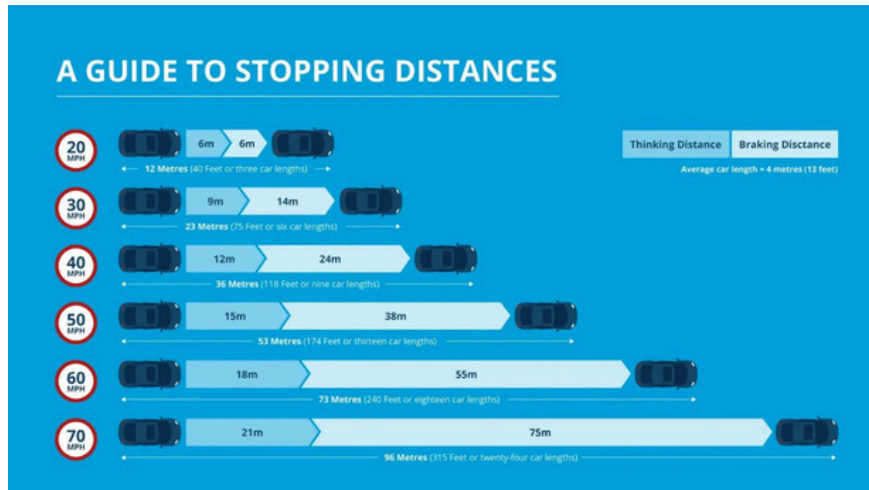


You **MUST NOT** overtake:

- When approaching a bend
 - At a hump bridge
 - On junction approaches
- When a solid white line is on your side
- On the left unless in queuing traffic



SAFE STOPPING DISTANCES



Stopping Distances =
THINKING + BRAKING

- 20 mph – 12m
- 30 mph – 23m
- 40 mph – 36m
- 70 mph – 96m



WEATHER CONDITIONS

- Rain = double stopping distance
 - Snow/ice = up to 10x
- Fog = use fog lights if visibility <100m
- Bright sun = can be a hazard, slow down

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

- Blue lights = emergency response
 - Do NOT stop on a roundabout
 - Do NOT block junctions
 - Pull left only when safe



LEVEL CROSSINGS

- Red lights = stop
- Do not enter if exit not clear
- Be aware of multiple trains

INCIDENTS & BREAKDOWNS

- Warn others – hazards
- If on motorway – leave vehicle, stand behind barrier
 - Do not place warning triangles on motorways



REVISION STRATEGY

THE 3-STEP SYSTEM:

1. Learn the rule
2. Test yourself
3. Repeat weak areas only

Are You Test-Ready?

- ✓ Can you identify every sign?
- ✓ Do you know priorities?
- ✓ Can you explain stopping distances?
- ✓ Do you understand motorway rules?
- ✓ Have you practised mock tests?



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- Full 120-page masterclass
- Hazard perception training
 - 700+ practice questions
 - 10 full mock tests
- Diagrams, animations & cheatsheets





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