

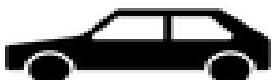

























EU vehicle classification system

A 	> 50 cm ³ > 45 km/h (alt. max. 25 kW = 0.16 kW / kg)
A1 	max. 125 cm ³ max. 11 kW 16 < max. 80 km/h < 18
B 	max. 3.5 t max. 8+1   < 750 kg
BE 	 > 750 kg
C1 	> 3.5t, < 7.5t max. 8+1   < 750 kg
C1E 	 > 750 kg max. 12t
C 	 < 750 kg
CE 	 > 750 kg
D1 	 < 750 kg max. 16+1 
D1E 	 > 750 kg max. 16+1  max. 12t
D 	 < 750 kg
DE 	 > 750 kg

Content of the theory test for all vehicle categories

Topic area	Required knowledge
Road traffic regulations	Road signs, markings & signals, rights of way, speed limits
The driver	Importance of alertness & of attitude to other road users Perception, judgement & decision taking, reaction time, changes in driver behaviour as a result alcohol, drugs, medicinal products, state of mind & fatigue
The road	Observance of safe distance between vehicles, braking distances, friction under adverse weather/road conditions Risk factors related to various road conditions, their change in adverse weather, at day/ at night Types of roads & related statutory requirements
Other road users	Risks arising from lack of experience in other road users, vulnerable road users, including children, pedestrians, cyclists, elderly and disabled Risks arising from different types of vehicles & different fields of views of their drivers
General rules and regulations, other matters	Administrative documents required for the use of vehicles, driver behaviour in the event of an accident, safety factors relating to the vehicle, the load and persons carried
Precautions when leaving the vehicle	
Mechanical aspects relating to road safety	Common faults in steering, suspension & braking, tyres, lights, indicators, reflectors, rear-view mirrors, windscreen and wipers, exhaust system, seat-belts and audible warning devices
Vehicle safety equipment	Seat-belts, head restraints, child safety equipment
Vehicle use relating to the environment	Appropriate use of audible warning devices, moderate fuel consumption, limitation of pollutant emissions

Specific provisions concerning categories A1, A2, A:

- Protective outfits such as gloves, boots, clothes and safety helmets;
- Visibility of motorcyclists for other road users;
- Risk factors relating to road conditions;
- Mechanical aspects with a bearing on road safety including emergency stop switch, oil levels and the chain.

Specific provisions concerning categories C, CE, C1, C1E, D, DE, D1, D1E:

- Rules on driving hours and rest periods;
- Rules concerning the transport of goods and passengers;
- Vehicle and transport documents required for the national and international carriage of goods and passengers;
- Behaviour in the event of an accident, emergency action and first aid;
- Safe removal and replacement of wheels;
- Rules on vehicle weights and dimensions, rules on speed limiters;
- Vehicle blind spots;
- Reading maps, journey planning, including satellite navigation systems (optional);
- Safe vehicle loading, controlling the load (stowing and fastening), different kinds of load (e.g. liquids, hanging loads), loading and unloading, using loading equipment;
- Driver responsibilities regarding the carriage of passengers, transport of children, vehicle checks;
- Construction and functioning of the internal combustion engine, fluids, the fuel system, the electrical system, the ignition system, the transmission system;
- Lubrication and antifreeze protection;
- Construction, fitting, correct use and care of tyres;
- Types, operation, main parts, connection, use and day-to-day maintenance of brake fittings and speed governors, and use of anti-lock brakes;
- Types, operation, main parts, connection, use and day-to-day maintenance of coupling systems;
- Methods of locating causes of breakdowns;
- Preventative maintenance of vehicles and necessary running repairs;
- Driver's responsibility in respect of the receipt, carriage and delivery of goods in accordance with the agreed conditions.

Content of the practical driving test

Vehicle category	Skills and behaviour tested
A1, A2, A	<p>Check of protective outfit, preparation and technical check of the vehicle including tyres, brakes, steering, chain, oil, lights, reflectors, indicators, horn, emergency switch</p> <p>Special manoeuvres to be tested (at low speeds and higher speeds), including slalom, obstacle avoidance, braking</p> <p>Safe behaviour in traffic, including riding away, passing vehicles, riding round bends, approaching & crossing junctions, turns, lane changes, entering/leaving the motorway, merging, overtaking, negotiating special road features (e.g. roundabouts), riding uphill/downhill, stopping</p>
B, B1, BE	<p>Preparation and technical check of the vehicle, including seating position, mirrors, head restraints, seatbelt, tyres, steering, brakes, fluids, lights, horn, load safety, and coupling mechanism</p> <p>Category B and B1: Special manoeuvres to be tested include reversing in straight line, reversing around a corner, 180 degree turn, parking & leaving a parking space, braking, performing emergency stop (optional)</p> <p>Category BE: Special manoeuvres to be tested include coupling and uncoupling, reversing along a curve, parking safely for loading/unloading</p> <p>Safe behaviour in traffic, including driving away, passing vehicles, driving round bends, approaching & crossing junctions, turns, lane changes, entering/leaving the motorway, merging, overtaking, negotiating special road features (e.g. roundabouts), driving uphill/downhill, stopping</p>
C, CE, C1, C1E, D, DE, D1 and D1E	<p>Preparation and technical check of the vehicle including seating position, mirrors, head restraints, seatbelt, tyres, fluids, lights, horn, power-assisted brakes, steering, air pressure, air tanks, suspension, safety factors relating to vehicle loading, coupling mechanism. Being able to operate safety equipment (e.g. first aid, emergency doors, fire extinguishers) and being able to read road maps, plan routes & use</p>

	<p>navigation systems</p> <p>Special manoeuvres to be tested include coupling & uncoupling, reversing along a curve, parking safely for loading/ unloading (C, C1, CE, C1E only), parking safely to let passengers of the bus (D, DE, D1, D1E only)</p> <p>Behaviour in traffic, including driving away, passing vehicles, driving round bends, approaching & crossing junctions, turns, lane changes, entering/ leaving the motorway, merging, overtaking, negotiating special road features (e.g. roundabouts), driving uphill/downhill, stopping</p>
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