



What to Expect on Your DMV Drive Test

The DMV drive test lasts typically about **10-15 minutes**. An examiner will ride with you to check that you can drive safely and follow the rules of the road.

What You'll Be Tested On

- Left and right turns
- Stops at controlled and uncontrolled intersections
- Straight-line backing
- Lane changes
- Driving in city traffic

How to Prepare

- **Practice like it's the test** – drive with full attention to rules and safe habits.
- **Smooth control** – steer, accelerate, and brake gently.
- **Stop correctly** – behind limit lines and crosswalks; if view is blocked, stop first, then creep forward.
- **Check constantly** – scan ahead, use mirrors, look over your shoulder before changing lanes or leaving the curb.
- **Follow the rules** – speed limits, lane discipline, traffic signals, 3-second following distance.
- **Defensive driving** – expect mistakes from other drivers and be ready to react.

Vehicle Requirements

- Current registration and two plates
- Working lights, horn, tires, and brakes
- Wipers, defroster, and hazard lights
- Driver's side window that rolls down
- Two mirrors (one outside left)
- Working seatbelts in the front seats
- A working parking brake

If anything fails the check, your test will be rescheduled.

Insurance Proof

You must show valid insurance (or rental agreement listing you as an insured driver) before the test.

Tech Rules

- Backup cameras and blind spot monitors are OK, but you still must do visual checks. Don't rely on them exclusively.
- Automated parking, adaptive cruise, and in-car recording devices are **not allowed**.