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Transport Department

DRIVING SERVICES SECTION

Guide to Taxi Written Test

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Introduction

The Taxi written test aims at ensuring the taxi drivers can drive safely, with good traffic and location knowledge of Hong Kong and be familiar with the laws and regulations governing the operation of taxi drivers.

The purpose of this particular Guide is to provide candidates with more information with respect to taxi written test, especially on the examination format as well as the assessment criteria. With a deeper understanding, candidates can be more adequately prepared for the test.

Basic Requirements and Assessment Standards

Candidates applying for Taxi written test should have held a full driving licence for private car for 3 years or above. In addition, candidates must not be convicted of an offence under Section 36 (Causing death by reckless driving), 39 (Driving a motor vehicle under the influence of drinks or drugs) during the 5 years immediately preceding to the test.

Normally, candidates, who have passed the written test, can apply for a full driving licence for taxi without the need to attend any road test.

The Taxi written test is composed of multiple choice questions and there is only one correct answer for each question. During the test, touch screen device will be used for giving answers. Candidates can practise touch screen features by using the Kiosks located at the Driving Test Appointment Office. The address is: -

Driving Test Appointment Office:

2/F Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon

Candidates can also run the Demo. CD with the use of a mouse at home in order to familiarize the operation of the Computerized Written Test. Every candidate will be provided with a Demo. CD with his / her appointment letter.

The test is divided into 3 parts, all of which should be answered by candidates. The time allowed for the test is 70 minutes.

(1) Part A : Taxi Regulation

This part consists of 10 questions. In each question, candidates are required to choose the most suitable one from four available options as the answer. To obtain a 'pass' in this part, candidates must not commit more than 1 mistake.

(2) Part B : Location Questions

This part consists of 32 questions. In each question, candidates are required to choose the most suitable one from four available options as the answer. To obtain a 'pass' in this part, candidates must not commit more than 3 mistakes.

(3) Part C : Road Users Code

This part consists of 100 questions. In each question, candidates are required to choose the most suitable one from three available options as the answer. To obtain a 'pass' in this part, candidates must not commit more than 5 mistakes.

To score an overall 'PASS' result in the Taxi written test, a candidate must be able to meet the passing criteria in each of the three parts mentioned above. A candidate will be classified as 'FAIL' in the test if he fails in any part of the test.

Scope of Test and suggested Reference

(1) Part A : Taxi Regulation

All questions in this part are based on the leaflet "*Guidelines to Taxi Regulations*" published by the Transport Department. The "Guidelines" is written by extracting relevant topics from the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) and Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Chapter 374) with a view to explaining laws and regulations related to the operation of taxi.

The "Guidelines to Taxi Regulations" leaflet will be sent to candidates with the taxi written test appointment letter.

(2) Part B : Location Questions

The purpose of this part is to test the location knowledge of candidates. The scope of test mainly covers the districts, roads and streets, and buildings in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories and Lantau Island. Candidates are recommended to pay special attention to the followings :- tourist scenic spots, hotels, shopping malls and plaza, public facilities (e.g. hospital, sports ground, parks, etc.), schools, government houses, commercial buildings, public and private housing estates and other well-known places in Hong Kong.

Candidates may use ordinary road maps or the "Hong Kong Guide: Streets and Places" published by the Survey & Mapping Office of the Lands Department as reference materials. As questions relating to newly constructed buildings will be added to the existing test papers from time to time, candidates should therefore pay attention to the development of various districts.

(3) Part C : Road Users Code

All questions in this part are based on the booklet named "Road Users Code". The questions of which are very much similar to the private car / light goods vehicles written test.

Candidates can purchase the booklet "Road Users Code" at the Government publication Centre situated at Room 402, Murray Building, Garden Road, Central and the contact phone number is 2537 1910.

Sample Questions

The following are the sample questions for the three parts of the test. Correct answer will be indicated by a 《*》.



(1) Part A : Taxi Regulation

<p>1. Every taxi should be fitted with a taximeter of a design and construction approved by _____.</p> <p>A. the taxi owner B. the Commissioner for Transport * C. the Commissioner for Police D. the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services</p>
<p>2. Construction of a taximeter should fulfill which of followings?</p> <p>(1) It should not be a sealed for the ease of repairs in case of mechanical breakdown. (2) the fare dial is fitted with illuminating device. (3) the amount of additional fares in progressive increments of the lowest fare as prescribed is indicated on the fare dial.</p> <p>A. (1),(2) B. (1),(3) C. (2),(3) * D. (1),(2),(3)</p>

(2) Part B : Location Questions

<p>1. Yan Oi Street</p> <p>A. Hung Hom B. To Kwa Wan C. San Po Kong * D. Tsz Wan Shan</p>	<p>4. Tuen Mun Central Library</p> <p>A. Tin Hau Road B. San Tsing Street C. Tuen Hi Road * D. Yan Ching Street</p>
<p>2. Metro City</p> <p>A. Tuen Mun B. Tseung Kwan O * C. Tsuen Wan D. Fanling</p>	<p>5. Clement Secondary School</p> <p>A. Cloud View Road B. Braemar Hill Road C. Wai Tsui Crescent D. Fortress Hill Road *</p>
<p>3. Exchange Square</p> <p>A. Harbour Road B. Harcourt Road C. Pier Road D. Connaught Road Central *</p>	<p>6. Wan Chai Sports Ground</p> <p>A. Lung King Street B. Sports Road C. Tonnochy Road * D. Fleming Road</p>

(3) Part C : Road Users Code

<p>1. Before leaving your vehicle, you must :</p> <p>A. switch off the engine.</p> <p>B. make sure the handbrake is on firmly.</p> <p>C. switch off the engine and make sure the handbrake is on firmly. *</p>	<p>3. Valid vehicle licence should be :</p> <p>A. displayed on the left-hand side of the windscreen. *</p> <p>B. display on the window at the rear of a vehicle.</p> <p>C. locked up in the dash board drawer ready for police inspection</p>
<p>2. This traffic sign means :</p>  <p>A. Give way to pedestrian</p> <p>B. Give way to traffic on major road. *</p> <p>C. Give way to heavy vehicle</p>	<p>4. This traffic sign means :</p>  <p>A. Routes be used by cycles. No motor vehicle. *</p> <p>B. No cycles</p> <p>C. Parking for cycles only</p>

Documents and Papers for Test

Candidates should present the following documents and papers for inspection when attending the taxi written test:-

- (1) candidate's identity card or passport (the identification document presented should be the same as the records registered in Transport Department) ;
- (2) valid full driving licence ; and
- (3) test appointment letter

Anyone who is unable to present document listed in item (1) and (2) means failing to ascertain the candidate's identification. Therefore, he or she will not be allowed to attend the scheduled test. If a candidate wishes to postpone the test schedule and his or her test form is close to its expiry date, the candidate must purchase another test form to make the new appointment valid. (Note : the validity period for a test form is 18 months)

If the identification documents presented by a candidate is damage or defaced, then the candidate may not be allowed to attend the test. Candidates are therefore recommended to carefully inspect their identification documents before the test. If they discover that their identification documents are damage or defaced, it is advisable for them to bring along a valid passport for the test or simply apply for a new identity card from the Immigration Department.

Candidates should also carefully study the ‘footnotes’ on the appointment letter to acquire a better understanding of the details of the test and the rules governing application for postponement.

Examination Regulations

Candidates must follow the following rules and instructions of the invigilators. Anyone fails to do so can result in disqualification from the test and invalidation of the test forms. He may also be requested to leave the test room immediately. Candidates having any problems about the test can raise their hands and ask the invigilators.

1. Candidates must switch off all the communication equipment like pager, mobile phone, and walkie-talkie. Other than the slip allocated by this Department, all other personal belongings should be placed on the top of the booth. No pats or recording apparatus like video-cam, phone-cam, watch-cam or sound recorder will be allowed. Without the invigilator’s permission, candidates must not take out anything not for the test either.
2. Candidates wishing to go to the restroom during the test should inform the invigilator by raising their hand. However, the time consumed will be counted as part of the test time. No extra time will be given. Therefore, you are advised to go to the restroom immediately after reading the regulations if you have to.
3. Candidates will be prosecuted if they cheat, attempt to cheat, record the test content in whatever method. They will be disqualified and their test form will also be invalidated. There is CCTV installed in the test room. The recorded image will be referred to before finalizing the test result.
4. Candidates must not smoke, eat, drink, talk with other candidates or disturb other candidates in whatever way.
5. Under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, it is an offence in law for any candidate to offer any advantage to any staff with a view to influencing him / her in discharging his / her official duties. Any candidate attempting to bribe any staff or anyone in connection with the driving test will not only be disqualified but will also be prosecuted.
6. Candidates should raise their hand whenever they wish to ask, or leave the test room. Do remember, no extra time will be given because of this.
7. Please input the “test form number” onto the specified space and choose the language. You will then have 5 minutes to read the instructions, after which, the test will automatically start. You could also start the test by pressing [BEGIN TEST]. Once started, candidates cannot change the chosen test language again. A timer will appear on the screen showing the remaining time.

8. After finishing the test, candidates wishing to leave prematurely must inform the invigilator by raising their hand. Once they have left, they will not be permitted to enter the test room again. The test result will be available in about 15 minutes.

Notes for Disabled Candidates

Before applying for a driving test, person with physical disabilities (e.g. deaf, colour blind, missing or defective limbs) must seek the recommendations from registered medical practitioners. In addition, he has to undergo an assessment conducted by the Transport Department. If the assessment result is satisfactory, he will be issued with an approval letter and he should present this letter to the invigilators before the test starts.

Candidate has the responsibility to ensure that his / her health condition is suitable to drive. In case of doubt, please contact Transport Department Driving Services Section (Headquarter Office) at 2713 7262.

Result Notification

All results notification letters will be distributed to candidates in Driving Test Appointment Office in about 15 minutes after the test.

However, if a candidate's driving licence has been suspended by the court before taking the test, the test result will be nullified and the test form fee will not be refunded.

Enquiries

<u>Enquiries</u>	<u>Contact number</u>
Application for driving test for Commercial vehicles	2158 5908
Postponement and other appointment matters	2771 7723 / 2606 1676