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## **DRIVING SERVICES SECTION**

# **Guide to Motorcycle and Motor Tricycle Driving Test**

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# ***MOTORCYCLE and MOTOR TRICYCLES***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Motorcycle and Motor Tricycle driving tests aim at assessing candidate's driving ability, and ensuring that in future the candidate will drive safely and properly, acquire good traffic knowledge and give due consideration to other road users.

The Driving Examiner will carry out the driving test in accordance with the contents of this Guide and will handle situations that are not described here by applying his profound experience and sound judgement in driving.

## **PART I TEST VEHICLE REQUIREMENT**

### **Specific Requirements**

Candidates who pass their driving tests with test vehicles which do not meet the specific requirements listed below will only be given, upon application, restricted full driving licences allowing them to drive vehicles of the same class or less than those of the test vehicles : –

#### **Motorcycle (Code 3)**

- (A) It should be a licensed motorcycle.
- (B) The cylinder capacity should be not less than 125 c.c.  
\*Use of front/rear two-wheel motor cycle for driving test is prohibited

#### **Motor Tricycle (Code 22)**

- (A) It should be a licensed motor tricycle.
- (B) The cylinder capacity should be not less than 90 c.c.

### **General Requirements**

Vehicles that do not meet the following general requirements will **NOT** be accepted for the purpose of driving test : –

- (A) The test vehicle should be in good mechanical order.
- (B) The test vehicle should be insured to cover third party risks (including driving test purpose).
- (C) Valid vehicle licence must be displayed on the left of the vehicle.
- (D) The test vehicle should be fitted with a side-mirror on the right hand side.
- (E) The test vehicle should be fitted with a gearbox of at least four forward speeds.

### **Protective Helmet Requirements**

Upon driving, candidates must wear one of the following approved protective helmets with labels inside or otherwise they will not be allowed to undergo the driving tests, however, driving examiners may also accept protective helmets of higher standards than the following :

- (a) British Standard 2495;
- (b) Australian Standard E 33-1968;
- (c) American National Standards Institute Z90.1-1966, Z90.1-1970 and Z90.1-1971;

- (d) Institute Belge De Normalization BENOR NBN 626;
- (e) Deutsche Normen DIN 4848;
- (f) French National Standard AFNOR NFS 72-301;
- (g) Dutch National Institute for Road Vehicles TNO;
- (h) Safety Helmet Council of America (SHCA) Certification;
- (i) British Standard 5361;
- (j) British Standard 6658:1985;
- (k) Japanese Industrial Standard JIS T 8133:1970-2000 for full type protective helmets for drivers and passengers of motorcycle;
- (l) Australian Standard AS 1698-1988;
- (m) Snell Memorial Foundation. Standard for Protective Headgear 1970-2005.

### **Others**

- (A) Vehicles fitted with automatic transmission may also be accepted for the test. However, candidates having passed their driving tests with automatic transmission vehicles will be given, upon application, restricted driving licences allowing them to drive automatic transmission vehicles of the same class as the test vehicles used by them.
- (B) Handicapped candidates: such as those with impaired hearing, missing or defective limbs, or with walking difficulties, have to be referred by medical officers and to successfully pass a physical test conducted by the Transport Department, before they are allowed to apply for a driving test. For enquiries, please call Driving Services Section at **2713 7262**.

## **Part II TESTING PROCEDURES & OBSERVATIONS**

### **Basic Requirements of the Test**

(I) The motorcycle as well as the motor tricycle driving test is divided into three parts, candidates should be able to pass the Part A (Written Test), before they can be arranged to take the Part B Test (Mandatory Competence Test); after passing the Part B test, they can then apply for learner's driving licences and be arranged to take the Part C (Road Test).

### **Part A Test (Written Test) :-**

The Written Test is in the form of multiple choice questions from which 20 of them have to be attempted. The questions are set based on the content from the "Road Users' Code". Candidates must give not less than 16 correct answers in order to pass the test.

### **Part B Test (Competence Test) :-**

Candidates should attend the basic training in approved driving schools and will be tested there by an Examiner of the Transport Department. The test will be conducted at a designated compound including : starting the engine, moving off, pulling up, turning left, turning right, stopping in emergency and correct signalling. In the driving test, you should not allow your vehicle to lose balance or strike any object. You should also react promptly and drive at a correct speed with the correct gear.

### **Part C Test (Road Test) :-**

Candidates who have applied for motorcycle driving tests on or before 1 January 1990 will be exempted from taking the Part B test.

Part C test successful candidates can apply for the issue of probationary driving licence after 7 working days (but not exceeding 3 years) from the date of their Part C test. Candidates who have passed the motorcycle Part C test may apply for the endorsement of motorcycle and motor tricycle (codes 3 and 22) probationary driving licences. However, candidates who have passed the motor tricycle Part C test can only apply for the endorsement of motor tricycle (code 22) probationary driving licences. The holder of a probationary driving licence to drive a vehicle class is required by law to undergo a 12-month probationary driving period (i.e. twelve months from the date the probationary driving licence issued under the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations (Cap. 374B)). The holder should apply for a full driving licence for the respective class within 3 years from the date of satisfactory completion of a mandatory probationary driving period. Otherwise, he/she must sit for and pass a driving test again to obtain a new probationary driving licence.

(II) Candidates taking motorcycle / motor tricycle driving test (Parts B and C) will have to reach the standards required by the Transport Department in the following :-

- (A) Candidates must be fully conversant with the "Road Users' Code";
- (B) Candidates should be familiar with the functions and safe manoeuvring of the control of the vehicle;
- (C) Candidates should be able to master the following manoeuvres : –
  - (i) The proper use of gears and accelerator to meet various traffic conditions;
  - (ii) The proper judgement of timing, speed and car distance to meet various traffic conditions.
- (D) Candidates should also be able to master the following specified manoeuvres : –
  - (i) Starting the engine of the vehicle;
  - (ii) Moving off straight ahead or at an angle;
  - (iii) Keeping an appropriate distance from the vehicle ahead;
  - (iv) Overtaking vehicles and selecting the appropriate traffic lane to meet the traffic conditions;
  - (v) Turning left and right;
  - (vi) Pulling up safely in normal/emergency situations;
  - (vii) Stopping and starting on a slope;
  - (viii) Driving the vehicle in the path of a "figure 8" without losing balance;
  - (ix) Giving correct signals under appropriate conditions;
  - (x) Responding promptly and correctly to people controlling traffic, other road users, traffic signs and traffic lights;
  - (xi) Riding with correct posture.

### **Documents and Papers Presented for the Test**

Candidates should present the following documents and papers for inspection by Driving Test Centre Officer and Driving Examiner when attending a test : –

- (a) test appointment letter;
- (b) Hong Kong Identity Card or an alternative identity document e.g. passport (previously registered in the Transport Department)\*;
- (c) learner's driving licence (not applicable to Part B Test candidates) and valid driving licence (if applicable);
- (d) letter of approval for disabled person (if applicable) ; and
- (e) valid Third Party Risks Insurance Certificate in respect of the test vehicle (should also cover driving test purpose)\*.

\* not be accepted if defaced or expired.

### **Vision Test**

Candidates are required to read at a distance of 23 metres in good daylight (with the aid of spectacles or other corrective lenses, if worn) a motor vehicle registration mark. A candidate who fails his/her vision test will not be allowed to take the test and his/her test form will be invalidated. If he/she wants to take the driving test again, he/she will have to purchase a new test form.

## **PART III DRIVING OBSERVATIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

### **Preparation before Moving Off**

Before starting the engine, candidates should lift up the stand/side-stand of the vehicle, apply the handbrake or footbrake, check whether the gear is in neutral, and adjust the position of the driving mirrors, then start the engine and switch on the headlamp. Observe the traffic conditions clearly by looking round and give appropriate signal then move off under safe condition.

### **Driving Manoeuvres and Control of Speed**

Candidates should be fully conversant with the use of various controls of the vehicle in order to handle various road conditions, such as going up and down of slopes, approaching road junctions and roundabouts. Maintain proper coordination of steering wheel, clutch, accelerator and footbrake so as to avoid rolling forwards or backwards during moving off and stopping.

Care should be taken in the control of the speed of the vehicle with the use of proper gear so as to suit the ever-changing traffic conditions. Do not drive too fast when approaching junctions, zebra crossings, pedestrians and objects or when cornering. Under normal traffic conditions, candidates should not dwell in low gears (first or second gear) or drive only at low speed during the test; otherwise, examiners will regard these as serious mistakes and it would eventually lead to a failure. If the road condition ahead is clear and safe, candidates should make use of the proper gear to reach a reasonable speed, but not exceeding the speed limit. However, if the road condition does not permit so doing, candidates should adopt low gear instead and reduce speed for the sake of safety.

### **Judging Car Distance**

Candidates should always keep a safe distance from the car ahead, and bear in mind the 2-second rule. Avoid driving in parallel with other motorists in dual or multiple lanes, try to keep a safe distance from other vehicles or objects when overtaking or stopping.

### **Overtaking**

Candidates should make full use of mirrors before overtaking, observe the rear following vehicles, and/or those vehicles from opposite directions, and signal properly. Make use of the mirrors especially before moving out and check the blind spot by looking back over the left / right shoulders to ensure safety. During the process of overtaking, care should be taken to keep a safe distance from the objects ahead and control the speed of the vehicle properly. After overtaking, candidates should return to the original lane if situation permits. Care should be taken not to cut in sharply in front of other vehicles.



## **Hazard Recognition**

Candidates should constantly observe the road conditions, so as to act appropriately to road signs, vehicles parked at roadside, pedestrians, junctions, change of road conditions and emergencies.

## **Roundabouts and Junctions**

Before entering or leaving roundabouts or junctions, candidates should signal properly, adopt the appropriate speed and correct traffic lane. Observe the "Give Way" and "Stop" signs and yield right to vehicles having the right of way.

Candidates, before reaching the junctions, should control the vehicle properly and to act according to warning, regulatory and informatory traffic signs. Select the appropriate lane beforehand, signal properly and make use of the mirrors. Before driving into the junction, candidates may stop at an appropriate position to check traffic conditions from the right, then left and then right again. Only after ensuring a safe traffic condition should candidates drive into the junction. Constant observation of traffic condition from both sides is necessary when passing the road junction. Care should be taken to keep the vehicle inside the proper track when left cornering, not to strike kerb or drive on to the pavement, and when right cornering, not to commit right corner cut, late steering or let the vehicle out of the proper track.

## **Traffic Signs / Traffic Lights / Directions of Authorized Traffic Controllers**

Candidates should be familiar with and to obey the traffic signs, and to follow the directions of traffic controllers (including policemen, traffic wardens and members of school traffic safety team). Candidates should also observe the change of traffic lights. If the traffic lights change from green to amber and that the vehicle has passed the stop line, candidates may continue to move on. But if it has already changed to amber and that the vehicle has not yet reached the stop line, candidates should stop the vehicle. However, if the bringing of the vehicle to a sudden standstill would lead to a traffic accident, candidates should carefully continue with their way.

## **Traffic Lanes**

Candidates should always keep in left lane. Before reaching a road junction, they should select the appropriate lane for left turning, right turning or going straight ahead. Make full use of the mirrors to check traffic condition and to signal properly in good time before changing lanes. Mirrors and shoulder checking must be performed prior to steering in order to ensure safety.

## **The Stopping Rule**

Before stopping, candidates should make use of the mirrors to check traffic conditions, signal properly and then pull up near the left side kerb. After stopping, the handbrake should be secured; the gearshift should be moved to neutral position. Before leaving the vehicle, make sure to switch off the engine, engage first gear and then lower the stand/side-stand.

## **The Braking System**

Because of the structure of the motorcycle, its braking system is somehow different from that of other types of vehicles, the front wheel braking system and the rear wheel braking system are working individually. The braking force of the front wheel is greater than that of the rear. Thus in normal pulling up, candidates should apply both the handbrake and the footbrake as well in order to conform to its design.

## **The Correct Braking Procedures**

When driving on road, candidates should drive with planning and keep constant observations on the traffic conditions and to avoid sudden braking as far as possible. In pulling up, try to keep the vehicle in upright position and release the throttle. Gently grip the handbrake lever first then followed by depressing the footbrake. Increase the pressure on the brakes gently until the vehicle stops. Avoid locking the wheels suddenly. Grip the clutch lever just before the engine rocks. In the case of dead-slow driving, candidates should pull up the vehicle just by applying the footbrake only.

Try to avoid braking on a bend as far as possible. If braking on a bend is necessary, only the footbrake should be applied with extreme care to avoid locking the wheel.

## **Shoulder-checking**

Because of the small size of the motorcycle, it is easier being neglected by other road users. Therefore, candidates should drive it with exceptional care. On moving off, pulling up, lanes changing, overtaking and cornering, apart from fully using the mirrors, candidates should also look over their shoulders into the blind spot to ensure safety.

## **“Figure 8” Manoeuvring**

Candidates have to demonstrate the skill of balancing by riding motorcycles in the path of “figure 8” on a designated slope. In the course of this manoeuvre, candidates should not lose balance or step any foot on ground in order to keep balance, or to allow their motorcycles to strike object; otherwise, it would be regarded as a fail.

## **Part IV OTHERS**

### **Test Routes**

Under normal conditions, examiners would conduct the test according to the standard test routes designed by the Driving Services Section of the Transport Department. However, in case of road repairs, traffic jam or emergency, test routes may be deviated to meet the traffic conditions.

### **Dangerous Driving / Inadequate Control**

Should a candidate perform any dangerous act, which may endanger other road users during the course of the test, or should he/she prove himself/herself to be in a state of inadequate control over the vehicle, the test may be terminated by the examiner.

### **Methods of Recording Driving Errors**

The mistakes committed by candidates will be divided into minor and serious ones and recorded on the test form by means of a tick (  ) against the appropriate item :

#### ***Minor Mistakes***

Minor mistakes refer to those driving faults committed by candidates, they would not endanger other road users or even cause inconvenience to them. Such driving faults would not lead to a fail in the test.

#### ***Serious Mistakes***

Serious mistakes are those which would cause imminent or direct danger; including the driving technique or basic control not up to the stipulated standard of the Transport Department. The driving test system being strict and fair, and if a candidate commits one or more serious mistakes in a driving test, it will be regarded as a fail.

If a candidate commits minor mistakes against a certain item for three times or more, these mistakes will be accumulated to form a ***serious mistake*** and the test will be regarded as a fail.

### **Test Form and Record of Result**

After the test, the original of the Driving Test Form will be endorsed and kept by the duty Driving Test Centre Officer, who will give to the candidate the duplicate of the test form (also known as the "yellow copy"), on which all the mistakes committed by the candidate during the test as well as the test result are recorded.

The result of the candidate will become final only after it has been verified by the Transport Department. However, if the candidate's licence has been suspended by the court during the period of his/her test, the "Pass" result he/she has obtained will be rescinded and the fees paid will not be refunded.

## **Application for Driving Licence by Successful Candidates and Application for a Second Test by Unsuccessful Candidates**

### **1. Part B (Mandatory Competence Test)**

**Successful candidates of motorcycle and motor tricycle Part B Test** may apply for a certificate of completing the motorcycle competence course, valid for 2 years, from their relevant designated driving schools upon receiving the duplicate test form (known as the “yellow copy”) from the Driving Test Centre Officer, and then apply for learner’s driving licences as well as appointments for Part C road tests from the Transport Department after 7 working days (but not exceeding 2 years) from the date of their Part B test. Candidates may approach designated driving schools for enrolment and arrangement for the application for learners’ driving licences and road test appointments, or approach one of the following Licensing Offices of this department for application: –

<i>Licensing Offices</i>	<i>Tel. No.</i>
Hong Kong Licensing Office : 3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong.	<b>2804 2636</b>
Kowloon Licensing Office : 2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.	<b>2150 7728</b>

Candidates should bring along with them the following documents when applying for learners’ driving licences and road test appointments : –

1. Hong Kong Identity Card or a valid identity document (original or photocopy);
2. The certificate of completing the motorcycle competence course;
3. Duly completed application form for learner’s driving licence (TD555);
4. The “yellow copy” of your successful Part B test form (TD 553);
5. Original or photocopy of present address proof (residential address and correspondence address) issued within the last 3 months (e.g. utility or telecommunication bills, correspondence from banks, insurance companies, government departments, local universities, local or international charitable organization etc.); and
6. The required fee for the issue of a learner’s driving licence.

**Unsuccessful candidates of Part B Test** should approach their relevant designated driving schools for re-enrolment and arrangement of test appointments.

### **2. Part C (Road Test)**

**Successful candidates of motorcycle and motor tricycle Part C Test** should approach the Licensing Office of the Transport Department after 7 working days (but not exceeding 3 years) from the date of their test for a probationary driving licence or the endorsement of such driving entitlement as the case may be. Please bring along with you the following documents : –

1. Hong Kong Identity Card or a valid identity document (original or photocopy);
2. Original or photocopy of present address proof (residential address and correspondence address) issued within the last 3 months (e.g. utility or telecommunication bills, correspondence from banks, insurance companies, government departments, local universities, local or international charitable organization etc.);
3. The “yellow copy” of your successful Part C test form (TD 553);
4. The duly completed application form: Application for Probationary Driving Licence (TD 590);
5. The required fee for the issue of a probationary driving licence (not applicable for driving licence endorsement); and
6. Medical examination report form TD256 duly completed by a registered medical practitioner (applicable to applicants aged 70 or above).

According to the Road Traffic (Driving Licence) Regulations (Chapter 374B), any candidate who applies for the issue of driving licence after 3 years from the date that he/she passed his/her test will not be entertained by the Transport Department.

<i>Licensing Offices</i>	<i>Tel. No.</i>
Hong Kong Licensing Office: 3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong.	<b>2804 2636</b>
Kowloon Licensing Office: 2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.	<b>2150 7728</b>
Kwun Tong Licensing Office: 5/F, East Kowloon Government Offices, 12 Lei Yue Mun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.	<b>2775 6835</b>
Shatin Licensing Office: 2/F, Shatin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, N.T.	<b>2606 1468</b>

**Unsuccessful candidates of motorcycle Part C Test** can apply to re-take the motorcycle Part C test 7 working days after the date of their test through the following ways:

- Online Booking for motorcycle driving test by visiting the GovHK website ([www.gov.hk/en/residents/transport/drivinglicense/roadtest.htm](http://www.gov.hk/en/residents/transport/drivinglicense/roadtest.htm)). You may apply for an end-of-list driving test appointment or a repeater early test appointment. (Note: Applicant of end-of-list Driving Test Appointment Booking must possess a valid personal digital certificate issued by recognized Certification Authorities for authentication; and with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, UnionPay or JCB) or a PPS account number and Internet password for payment.) Please contact the Driving Test Appointment Office at 2771 7723 for enquiries.
- Approach their relevant designated driving schools for re-enrolment and arrangement of test appointments, or approach one of the following Licensing Offices with the necessary documents for application: -

<i>Licensing Offices</i>	<i>Tel. No.</i>
Hong Kong Licensing Office : 3/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong.	<b>2804 2636</b>
Kowloon Licensing Office : 2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.	<b>2150 7728</b>

- Submit your application together with the necessary documents by post to “Kowloon Licensing Office, Transport Department, 2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon” and mark 《Application for Driving Test (TD82)》 on envelope : –

Necessary documents for application for driving test:–

1. Copy of Hong Kong Identity Card or other identity document;
2. Copy of Learner's Driving Licence;
3. The duly completed application form: Application for a Driving Test (TD 82);
4. Original or photocopy of present address proof (residential address and correspondence address) issued within the last 3 months (e.g. utility or telecommunication bills, correspondence from banks, insurance companies, government departments, local universities, local or international charitable organization etc.); and
5. The required fee for the purchase of the relevant driving test form (application by post please pay by crossed cheque or cashier order, payable to “The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region”, do not send in cash).

### **Pay Sufficient Postage for Mails**

Underpaid mail items are subject to surcharge by Hongkong Post. This department will not accept underpaid mail items, which will be returned to the sender (with return address) or disposed of (without return address) by the Hongkong Post. For proper delivery of your mail items to the department, and to avoid unnecessary delivery delay or unsuccessful delivery, please ensure your mail items bear sufficient postage with return address before posting. Please note details about postage and pay attention to the latest effective New Postage Structure.

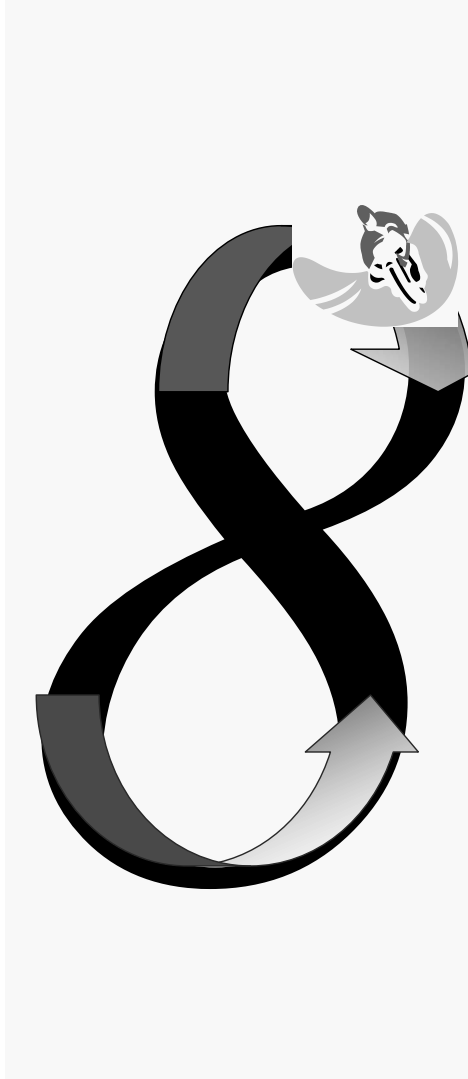
**Unsuccessful candidates of motor tricycle Part C Test** can contact the Driving Test Appointment Office 7 working days after the date of their test for enquiries on application to re-take the motor tricycle Part C test.

<i>Address</i>	<i>Tel. No.</i>
Driving Test Appointment Office 2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon.	2150 7783

### **3. Result of Driving Test**

The result of the driving test as shown on the copy of the test form is subject to final verification by this Department. Should an amendment of the verdict be found necessary in the course of verification, the candidate will receive by post a notice to this effect and he/she will be invited to our office for the purpose of updating the test result.

**Sketch of “Figure 8”**



**A candidate has to ride the motorcycle  
in a “Figure 8” circuit  
as instructed by the examiner**

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