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**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1996**

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<i>as to regulations 20 to 32 and Schedules 5 and 6, for the purposes of tests to be conducted on or after 1st January 1997</i>		<i>2nd December 1996</i>
<i>for the purposes of regulation 34(2)(a)(ii) and (4)(b) and Schedule 6</i>		<i>1st March 1997</i>
<i>for the purposes of regulation 39(6)</i>		<i>1st April 1997</i>
<i>for all other purposes</i>		<i>1st January 1997</i>

**THE MOTOR VEHICLES (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS 1996**

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1. B. The driver
2. Perception, judgment and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes...

1. C. The road
2. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions, in particular...
3. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory...

1. D. Other road users
2. Risks involved in the movement and driving of various types...
1. E. General rules and regulations and other matters
2. General rules specifying how the driver must behave in the...
3. Safety factors relating to persons carried, including balancing with a...

1. F. Road and Vehicle safety
2. Vehicle safety equipment including, in particular, the use of crash...

#### G. Environmental matters

### PART 2 — CATEGORY B

#### A. Road traffic regulation

1. B. The driver
2. Perception, judgment and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes...

1. C. The road
2. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions, in particular...
3. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory...

1. D. Other road users
2. Risks involved in the movement and driving of various types...
1. E. General rules and regulations and other matters
2. General rules specifying how the driver must behave in the...
3. Safety factors relating to persons carried.

1. F. Road and Vehicle safety
2. Vehicle safety equipment including, in particular, the use of seat-belts...

#### G. Environmental matters

### PART 3 — CATEGORY C

1. A. Mandatory matters
2. Rules on driving hours, rest periods and the use of...
3. Principles of braking systems and speed governors.
4. Checks on the condition of tyres, lights, reflectors, steering, brakes,...
5. Precautions when alighting from the vehicle.
6. Safety factors relating to vehicle loading.

1. B. Random questioning
2. The effect of wind on the course of the vehicle....
3. Precautions to be taken when overtaking because of the danger...

### PART 4 — CATEGORY D

1. A. Mandatory matters
2. Rules on driving hours, rest periods and the use of...
3. Principles of braking systems and speed governors.

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4. Rules concerning persons carried.
5. How to behave in the event of an accident.
6. Checks on the condition of tyres, lights, reflectors, steering, brakes,...
7. Precautions when alighting from the vehicle.
8. Safety factors relating to vehicle loading.
1. B. Random questioning
2. The effect of wind on the course of the vehicle....
3. Precautions to be taken when overtaking because of the danger...

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PART 1 — PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES A AND P

A. Eyesight

1. B. Preparation to drive
2. Adjust crash helmet.
1. C. Technical control of the vehicle
2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
4. Lean over to turn.
5. Keep balance at various speeds.
6. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
7. Park the vehicle on its stand.
8. Remove motor bicycle from its stand and move it, without...
9. Cause the vehicle to face in the opposite direction by...
1. D. Behaviour in traffic
2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...
7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
8. Change lanes.
9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
10. Approach and cross junctions.
11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the...
12. Where the opportunity arises— (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in...

E. Alighting from vehicle

PART 2 — PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES B AND B + E

A. Eyesight

1. B. Preparation to drive
2. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
3. Check that the doors are closed.
1. C. Technical control of the vehicle
2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
4. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
5. Either— (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres—
1. D. Behaviour in traffic
2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...

7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
8. Change lanes.
9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
10. Approach and cross junctions.
11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the...
12. Where the opportunity arises— (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in...
  - E. Alighting from vehicle
  - F. Trailer

PART 3 — PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES C AND C + E

1. A. Preparation to drive
  2. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
  3. Check that the doors are closed.
1. B. Technical control of the vehicle
  2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
  3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
  4. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
  5. Either— (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres—
    1. C. Behaviour in traffic
      2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
      3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
      4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
      5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
      6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...
      7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
      8. Change lanes.
      9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
    10. Approach and cross junctions.
    11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the...
    12. Where the opportunity arises— (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in...
      1. D. Larger vehicles: speed reduction and steering
        2. Use the various braking systems.
        3. Use the speed reduction systems other than the brakes.
        4. Adjust course to allow for the length of the vehicle...
      - E. Trailers
      - F. Vehicle safety

PART 4 — PRACTICAL TEST: CATEGORIES D AND D + E

1. A. Preparation to drive
  2. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
  3. Check that the doors are closed.
1. B. Technical control of the vehicle
  2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course,...
  3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions,...
  4. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by...
  5. Either— (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres—
    1. C. Behaviour in traffic
      2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
      3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
      4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the...
      5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
      6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting...
      7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
      8. Change lanes.
      9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.

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10. Approach and cross junctions.
  11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the...
  12. Where the opportunity arises— (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in...
    1. D. Larger vehicles: speed reduction and steering
    2. Use the various braking systems.
    3. Use the speed reduction systems other than the brakes.
    4. Adjust course to allow for the length of the vehicle...
      - E. Trailers
      - F. Vehicle safety
- PART 5 — UNITARY TEST: CATEGORIES F, G, H AND K
1. Read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses...
  2. Start the engine of the vehicle.
  3. Move away straight ahead or at an angle.
  4. Overtake, meet or cross the path of other vehicles and...
  5. Turn right-hand and left-hand corners correctly.
  6. Stop the vehicle in an emergency and normally and, in...

PART 6 — UNITARY TEST: CATEGORIES F AND G

    1. Carry out manoeuvres involving the use of reverse gear (except...
    2. Indicate intended actions at appropriate times by giving appropriate signals...
    3. Act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic...

PART 7 — UNITARY TEST: CATEGORY H

      1. Indicate intended actions at appropriate times by giving appropriate signals...
      2. Act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic...
      3. Drive the vehicle backwards and cause it to face in...

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3. (B) Practical on site training
4. (C) Practical on site riding
5. (D) Practical on road training
6. (E) Practical on road riding

Explanatory Note