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Make sure you arrive at the driving test centre 5 minutes before your appointment. You must take: your UK driving licence your theory pass certificate, if you have it (you do not need to get a replacement if you've lost it) a car The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) does not provide a car. You must bring one with you. This could be: your driving instructor's car your own car, if it meets the rules Find out what to do if you've lost your driving licence. 1,600+ people were not allowed to take their driving test in July 2024 because they brought an unsuitable car, forgot their driving licence or were late You can take your driving test in your own car rather than your driving instructor's if it meets certain rules. The car must: be taxed be insured for a driving test (check with your insurance company) be roadworthy have a current MOT (if it's over 3 years old) You must make sure it also meets some other important rules. You must have L plates fitted on the front and back on the car. They must not block your or the driving examiner's view. You must have one rear view mirror for you, and another one fitted for the driving examiner. You're not allowed to have any warning lights lit up on your dashboard. All of the headlights, brake lights and indicators must work. All of the tyres must have the legal tread depth. You're not allowed to have any tyres that are damaged. Both the driver seat belt and passenger seat belt must work. There are other rules that the car must meet. If you're thinking of using your own car, check the full set of rules for using your own car. You will not be allowed to take your test if the car you bring does not meet all of the rules. You will not get a refund. Only take your driving test if you're feeling completely prepared. You can move your driving test back if you're not feeling quite ready yet. It's free to change your appointment time, as long as you do it at least 10 full working days (Mondays to Saturdays) before your test. Documents to bring to your driving theory testYou need to bring both parts of your driving licence - the photocard and the paper counterpart.If you have an old-style paper licence, you must take your signed driving licence and a valid passport.No other form of photographic identification will be accepted.If you don't bring the right documents to your test, it won't go ahead and you'll lose your fee.Documents to bring to your practical driving testYou must bring:- Your theory test pass certificate (or confirmation) if you're not exempt from taking the theory test.- Both parts of your driving licence - the photocard and the paper counterpart.You must take your signed driving licence and a valid passport if you have an old-style paper licence.Your test will be cancelled and you'll lose your fee if you don't bring the right documents. We use some essential cookies to make this website work. We'd like to set additional cookies to understand how you use GOV.UK, remember your settings and improve government services. We also use cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies. You can change your cookie settings at any time. You have rejected additional cookies. You can change your cookie settings at any time. When taking your driving test, there are some essential things you need to remember to bring along with you to ensure your driving test can go ahead as planned. Lucky for you, we've done the hard work for you and put together a list of all the things you need to take to your driving test. What to bring to the driving test After working hard during your driving lessons and waiting weeks for an available test date, it would be devastating to fail your driving test for not having the right things with you. Every year, thousands of driving tests are cancelled before they even begin due to pupils being unable to present the required documents. A cancelled driving test will knock your confidence, set you back by at least a few weeks and cost you more money. Get yourself organised using our guide on what to bring to your driving test. Items you need to bring to your driving test: Theory certificate Provisional licence Booking confirmation Driving theory certificate To be able to take your practical driving test, you must present a valid theory test pass certificate. Driving theory test certificates are only valid for two years from the date of passing; therefore if you took your test over two years ago, you would need to retake it before you can sit the practical test. If you are unable to show a valid certificate, stating you have passed your driving theory test, you will not be able to sit your driving test that day. Provisional driving licence Just as you would've for your first driving lesson, you will also need to bring your provisional driving licence to your test. Turning up to your driving test without your provisional licence is a bit like turning up to the airport with no passport; you won't get very far. Your provisional licence is proof that you are legally allowed to be on the road, failure to present it for your driving test will result in your test being cancelled. Your provisional licence must also be in date, it is valid for ten years, after this time it will need to be renewed. If you turn up to your test with an invalid provisional licence, the test will not be able to go ahead. Booking confirmation Although this one is not a requirement, we do recommend bringing along a copy of your booking confirmation to be on on the safe side. Your test centre should have your booking on their records, but just in case there's any mix up on their end, it's best to make sure you've got yourself covered. Your booking confirmation will be an email or a letter sent by the DVLA. This document will confirm the time, date and location of your test as well as a unique reference number. TIP: You can give your test centre a call the day before your test to make sure you're all booked in and confirm the time of your test. Our top tips Don't forget you will need to have a car for your driving test that meets the legal safety requirements. If you are learning to drive with a DRIVE 321 driving instructor, they will be supplying their vehicle for the use of your test. It is best to take your test in the same vehicle you have been learning in as you will be familiar with the control and how the car drives. To make sure you're prepared and organised, we suggest packing what you need the night before your test. The last thing you need on the day of your test is to be rushing around and panicking because you can't find your licence or theory test certificate. Check you have what you need and check again! Double or even triple check you have everything you need for your driving test. You can also set a reminder on your phone to remind you to take what you need with you when you leave for your test. Last but not least, leave plenty of time to get to your driving test. This way, not only will you not be rushing around, but you may also have time to run back and get what you need if you forget something important. Important things to remember from one of our driving instructors in Leighton Buzzard Bring your provisional licence Make sure you can read a number plate or bring glasses Make sure you put your seat belt on at the beginning of the test Make sure everything is working on your car such as direction indicators, brake lights etc. Don't worry, your DRIVE 321 instructor will look after this part for you When attending your practical driving or riding test you must produce certain documents. Make sure you have these documents available when the examiner calls your name. You must also have an appropriately insured and licensed vehicle suitable for the test. You must bring an appropriately insured and licensed vehicle which is in a roadworthy condition and is displaying L-plates that are clearly visible from the front and rear. The vehicle should be representative of the type of vehicle for the category of test you are taking. Minimum requirements for test vehicles At the driving test centre You must bring the following items with you. If you don't, the Driver & Vehicle Agency (DVA) may not carry out the test and you may lose your fee: You need: a valid MOT certificate the right theory test pass certificate or confirmation (if needed) your appointment letter both parts of your photo card driving licence (check your appointment letter for details - if you don't take both parts of your licence your test may not take place and you may lose your fee) your signed driving licence with photographic identification your motorcycle manoeuvres test pass certificate (for a motorcycle test) your Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) certificate for the relevant test category (for a motorcycle manoeuvres test and an on-road motorcycle test) Further information about CBT can be found at: Riding motorcycles and mopeds About CBT It is strongly recommended that you wear a face covering during the test. This also applies to any observers or interpreters present. Face coverings will still be available and may be worn by examiners. If you misplace your licence, you must apply for a replacement from DVA which could take up to 15 days. If this happens, you may have to rearrange your test. Taking someone with you on your car driving test DVA promotes the benefits of candidates having an 'observer on test' to give critical support for the learner and newly qualified driver's ongoing development and lifelong learning. This involves an Approved Driving Instructor (ADI), parent or friend sitting in on the test to observe and listen to the examiner's feedback. The examiner will ask if you want your instructor or another person to be there at the end of the test for the result and feedback. More useful links We use some essential cookies to make this website work. We'd like to set additional cookies to understand how you use GOV.UK, remember your settings and improve government services. We also use cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies. You can change your cookie settings at any time. You have rejected additional cookies. You can change your cookie settings at any time. 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We'd like to set additional cookies to understand how you use GOV.UK, remember your settings and improve government services. We also use cookies set by other sites to help us deliver content from their services. You have accepted additional cookies. You can change your cookie settings at any time. You don't want to show up to the DMV without proper documentation as you won't be allowed to take your test, whether you're there for the permit test or the driving test. So, what do you actually need to bring to the DMV drivers test? Well... that depends on the state you live in, the type of license you intend to get, and if you're a minor. We'll explain all of that and more in this article. Checklist: What to Bring to the DMV Drivers Test What you need to bring to the DMV office will be different from state to state depending on the requirements in your state. Let's go through the documents that are generally the same: Proof of identity. You must be able to prove who you are.Driver license application. If older than 18, fill this in yourself. If a minor, you need your parents' or guardians' consent - have your parents'/guardians' fill in a Driver License Application and sign it.Proof of residency. You need to bring two documents as proof of residency in the state you plan to obtain your DL in.Proof of financial responsibility. This means car insurance. As you need to provide your own car for the driving test, you must have car insurance that covers any accident. Behind-the-wheel completion certificate. Minors must, if required in your state, bring proof that they have completed the behind-the-wheel course.Type of DL. If you are taking a car (non-commercial Driver's License), you don't need to present a medical certificate. If commercial DL, you need a medical certificate stating you are fit to drive.Applicants' legal status. You need proof of your legal status. If you are a non-citizen you will need to provide additional documents.Application fee. In most states, the application fee is \$30-40 and must be paid before the driving test. Your own car. While not a document, it's perhaps the most important "thing" to bring. We'll go into further details about the car below.Proof of completion of driver's education. This is only required in select states and for select ages (typically between 15 ½ and 18 years old).Proof of school enrollment. You may need to provide proof that you are enrolled in school and have satisfactory grades / have already graduated. This is only required for minors under 18. The above-mentioned documents must be presented using the original papers or copies that are authenticated with a seal. If you are unsure of any items mentioned above, go to the DMV website in your state. Many states specify the exact number of each document you need to provide and what document can be used for what purpose. For example; you may need to bring two documents as proof of residency. A passport is not proof of the residential address but it may be used as primary proof of identity and legal presence. In addition, some states require primary and secondary documents that together will serve as proof, and the requirements differ for citizens and non-citizens. For example; you may need to provide both primary and secondary documents for proof of identity to prove that you are in fact who you say you are. What Documents Are Accepted at the DMV? For a document to be valid as proof it has to contain your name, date of birth, and current residential address. Any other necessary information that can help with identification and verification will help. You should always bring an original paper if you can as copies will need to be certified before they can be accepted. The list of accepted documents you can use as proof of, for example, residency or identity, will vary by state, but these are generally accepted in all the states as proof: Identification cardBirth certificatePassportMedicare cardPayroll sheet1099 tax formMarriage certificate School transcriptSchool diplomaSchool registrationAdoption certificateCertificate of citizenship In addition to the above-mentioned documents, you can also supply a wide range of papers to prove state residency. These include, for example, your state school transcripts, mortgage or lease agreements, your earnings statement, or papers by state or local government. Requirements for Your Own Car If your car is not in good enough shape, the DMV examiner will postpone the driving test. All states have a set of standards that the car must abide by to be satisfactory. Don't make the mistake of showing up in a car that does not live up to the standards set by your state as you won't be allowed to take the road test. The examiner will check the following: The condition of the tires (must have an adequate tire tread depth of at least 2/32 inch).The condition of the brakes including emergency or parking brake (all must provide adequate braking pressure).License plates on front and back.Up-to-date registration.Up-to-date car insurance.Working seat beltsWorking hornWorking turn signalsWorking brake lightsAdjustable rearview and side mirrorsSide-windows that can be rolled downFront doors than can be opened from the inside and outside In other words - there is quite a lot you need to check on your car before the driving test. A great idea is to go through this checklist step-by-step a week before the driving test to make sure you have time to make repairs/changes if something simply isn't working great. If you need additional tips or you need more information on getting your permit, check out the Zutobi Drivers Ed courses and you'll breeze through the permit test in no time. What to Bring as a Non-Citizen Many of the steps toward getting a driver's license are the same for a citizen and a non-citizen. However, a non-citizen has to bring documents validating their stay in the United States including proof of who they are. These documents include: Valid U.S. visaForeign passportU.S. re-entry permitTemporary resident cardEmployment (or student) authorization cardAlien registration card Just be clear that you do in fact need to get a U.S. driver's license. If you have a driver's license from another country, it is likely to be valid in the U.S. as well for a limited period of time. However, you should still study the U.S. traffic laws and regulations to best prepare. We recommend taking a DMV prep course regardless of whether you already have a driver's license or not. Share — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format for any purpose, even commercially. Adapt — remix, transform, and build upon the material for any purpose, even commercially. 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