

The QLD “Test Centres” do not have Vehicle’s to use for the Driving Test.

You can use own car or a Driving School’s car

- Requirements Before :
- Your **Logbook must be approved** otherwise you will not be able to take the “practical Driving Test”
 - You need to have passed your **Hazard Perception Test** before you can book the “practical Driving Test”

Valid Learner license. NB if the license is damaged in anyway, you might not be able to use it. Call Department of Transport if unsure. Logbook can take up to 2 weeks to be approved. If you have a Medical Condition that requires a current certificate you must have it with you. I.e. diabetes F3712

<https://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/Forms/QF3712>

If you are using your own car: Registered owner of vehicle needs to give verbal permission to use vehicle. Vehicle requirements can be found on,

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/getting/vehicles>

At least make sure windows are clean, Inside and out. The day before check all lights, indicators, Horn, brake lights. Water for wiper washers, that the hazard light button activates all indicators. Check again on the morning of test.

You don’t have to wear shoes during assessment but do have shoes with you. Thongs are NOT recommended. Assessment takes approx. 35mins

If you are or get extremely nervous, there are various Natural/herbal remedies available to help you. Most chemists stock these.

When you arrive at Testing Centre: Transport of Department

Caloundra: Underneath parking opposite stairwell. **Reversed** in one of the 3 bays reserved for Driving Test

Maroochydore: Second Entrance to right. In one of the bays marked with Yellow L **(10km/h and shared zone)**

Nambour: Reversed or forward under 2 bay Carport

Maleny: Maleny Police Station. Test must booked in person on Wednesday or Friday. Assessments conducted once a month on Friday.
ONLY FOR RESIDENTS WITH POSTCODE 4552

Register: Go into Transport Department, get ticket, your personal details will be Checked and any info required can be provided.

Your license will be kept and given back to you by examiner at start of assessment. Assessment's starting early (8am) will need to wait outside till examiner arrives. Don't wander around. Wait at Entrance or at vehicle

When Examiner comes arrives: Your license will be given back to you. Now some checks need to be done on vehicle. Get into vehicle, turn key till all dash lights come on but don't start up yet. Then demonstrate- Indicators (front, back, sound Horn, Brake Lights

When Examiner gets in car: Examiner will explain test procedure. Read "*Message From Examiner*". You will then be asked to demonstrate 2 "**Pre-Drive Checks**". Mirror Adj (rear +side), Headlights/Dip, Wiper/washer, Air Conditioner, Demister (front+Back), Hazard Lights, Seat Adj. Then you will leave for driving.

When you get back from test: Examiner will want to discuss and explain any error's that may have been made. **Make sure you are interested in what the examiner has to say, have eye contact, if you do not understand the error, ask for a sketch of the situation. Whatever the examiner has to say is IMPORTANT.**

Pass: Back into Transport Department and get ticket. You will then be issued with a "*Diver License Receipt*" with information on when you should expect to receive your new license. NB if your license has not arrived by the date indicated; you should call Dept. of transport. 132380.

This "*Diver License Receipt*" needs to be carried with you when you drive.

If your test is on a Saturday, you can only "Upgrade" from L to P on the next Business day. When Transport Department is open you have to go in and Finalize the licence, until then you are still considered a learner!

If Unsuccessful: Whatever you do don't get Angry. If you have concerns about how the test was conducted or disagree with Examiner, say so and then go into the transport department and lodge a complaint. Any kind of aggression, Verbal or otherwise will be dealt with severely.

First Fail: You can redo your practical test at the next available time. Which could be the next day. Usually though it can be a week or more.

Second Fail: You Can redo practical test on 8th day after first time unsuccessful.

Third Fail: You can redo practical on the 29th day after second time unsuccessful. This applies to any subsequent fails. You can book the test as long as the above is valid. You can check for cancellations at any time and reschedule.

Keep in mind that 2 working days are required to reschedule a test booking

Q-SAFE DRIVING TEST IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- L = **LISTEN** to directives
D = **DECIDE ON TIME** action
T = **TALK** yourself through

LISTEN TO DIRECTIVES

- Repeat examiner's instruction back to yourself.
- If you did not understand instruction, don't hesitate to ask.
- If no instruction given, chose your own direction, and **follow the road rules.**
- Listen carefully for double instructions. Left next road then right.

DECIDE ON TIME

- If a tricky situation arises you must act to solve the problem.
- Quick Scan further up the road for changes. Ie speed sign, slowing traffic etc.
- Never think you failed due to a mistake, brooding over it might lead to more mistakes.

TALKING YOURSELF THROUGH

- There might be a little chit chat but don't expect it.
- You should be concentrating on the road.
- When Examiner writes on his sheet it is not necessarily a critical mistake.
- **A good idea is to talk out loud about what you see.** "Commentary Drive"

Include potential hazards or things that will affect you like

40km sign ahead, road works, buses waiting to enter traffic,

Pedestrians about to cross, school zones, Bicycle approaching from behind

Green traffic light ahead, when will it change to amber. I'd better look in my rearview mirror to see if anyone is driving very close to me. This will affect your decision to stop or go at amber lights

Things like that could be helpful, it means you are focusing on what you have to do, and not the fact that you are being assessed.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS AT YOUR ASSESSMENT?

PRE-DRIVE CHECK

Explain the Operation of:

- Wipers & washers - Demister & Air Conditioner
- Seat adjustment - Brake & Hazard lights
- Mirrors – Headlights - High beams - Horn

ON ROAD DRIVING ASSESMENT

The Examiner will check your performance on the following:

Stopping Foot brake Handbrake use

Giving way Slow down or stop. Take action to avoid vehicles especially when reversing,

Signs, Signals and Road Markings

Moving off, changing direction or lane

M Mirrors

I Indicate

S Shoulder check (blind spot)

S Steer & observe

Clutch control (smooth & no coasting)

Gears 2nd for corners, roundabouts etc. and appropriate gears for speed

Braking smoothly and progressively. Park brake only when car is stationery

Speed drive speed indicated. Slow down before sign. Speed up only after sign.

Observation & Scanning always look far ahead for hazards and possible problems

Mirrors use frequently both side mirrors and rear-view vision

Following distance 2-3 seconds and double that in poor weather conditions

Marked lanes keep within lane lines

Road position keep as far left as safe & practical

Signaling & Indicators give sufficient warning to others of your intention

Manoeuvres: 2 of the following and at least 1 reversing component

Reverse park 2 reverse and 1 forward movement, finish within 45cm of curb

Reverse Steer steady within 50cm of curb with turning head to look back

Turn around No dry steering, don't collide with curb, look back over left shoulder

U-turn Give way to other cars and pedestrians and have a clear view

Hill start Move off without rolling back

MOST COMMON CRITICAL DRIVING ERRORS

1. TURNING FROM THE WRONG LANE

Turning left or right from middle of wide lane, changing lanes in a roundabout or traffic lights intersection.

2. DISOBEYING ROAD MARKINGS & SIGN'S

Not stopping properly at a stop line or stop sign. Changing lanes in a traffic light intersection.

3. NOT GIVING WAY See Road Rules on “Giving Way”

4. NOT GIVING WAY TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES **(includes not following directives from traffic officials)**

If you hear a siren **immediately** try to find out where vehicle is coming from. If from behind you indicate and **straight away** pull over and STOP. To left if in single lane. If in a double lane open up middle of road, move left or right depending on lane you are in. If vehicle in front SLOW DOWN, be aware of sudden direction changes, especially at traffic lights.

5. SHOULDER CHECKS

Left when turning left and right when merging or changing lanes

6. SPEEDING

Lapse in concentration, downhill, road works,
some school zones are 7Am – 4Pm

7. DISOBEYING LIGHTS/SIGNALS

Flashing signs, amber traffic lights, red lights

8. DANGEROUS DRIVING

Collision with the curb, driving too close to parked cars, people and cyclists.

9. NOT LOOKING BACK ENOUGH AT WHEN REVERSING

Always look over your left shoulder out the back window most of the time.

A Message from your Driving Examiner

BELOW IS SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION ON Q-SAFE AND WHAT YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO DO

- * Q-SAFE is designed to evaluate your ability to drive safely and correctly in different driving situations which may include a variety of speed zones.
- * I will be asking you to undertake a series of driving tasks throughout the assessment. You will be given clear directions in ample time.
- * If I don't give you any specific directions, please just follow the road and be directed by road signs, signals and road markings.
 - You will be expected to perform the driving tasks when conditions are safe and in accordance with the road rules.
 - If you have a mobile phone, please ensure it is switched off for the duration of this assessment.
 - Please make any lane changes that are necessary to follow my directions.
 - At no time during the assessment will I ask you to perform any driving tasks that are illegal.
 - You may see me marking the report form during the assessment please do not assume that an error has occurred.
 - If your vehicle is fitted with blind spot mirrors you are still required to conduct shoulder checks to ensure there are no vehicles in the blind spot.
 - Once the assessment has commenced I am unable to answer any questions that may influence your driving performance.
- * If the vehicle is fitted with driver assist devices (for example GPS, speed alarms, park assist or easy start) please turn these devices off for the duration of the test.
- * Any recording device, such as a crash cam, must not have audio capability turned on, must be outward facing, and in a safe location. You will not be able to access the device during the assessment.
- * Please ensure your mobile phone is switched off for the duration of this assessment. At the end of the test I will ask you to accompany me to the debrief area to discuss the outcome of your test.

Do you have any questions?