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BTT Cheat Sheet

The essentials of the Basic Theory of Driving handbook on two pages. The test: 50 questions in 50 minutes, pass with 45 correct.

Key numbers

18
minimum age for a driving licence
p.3

2 yrs
a Provisional Driving Licence (PDL) is valid, renewable
p.4

25 m
eyesight test: read a number plate
p.4-5

1 yr
probation for new drivers, with P plates
p.5

13
demerit points revoke a probationary licence
p.5

24 / 24
points in 24 months: first suspension, 12 weeks
p.5

50 km/h
speed limit unless signs say otherwise
p.52

3 s
minimum following gap; more in the wet
p.61

2×
stopping distance on a wet road
p.65

3 s
signal before you move off or turn
p.60

5–10 s
check your mirrors
p.60

35 µg
breath alcohol limit per 100 ml (blood: 80 mg)
p.58

9 / 6 / 3 m
no parking near a bus stop / junction / fire hydrant
p.56

1.5 m
gap when passing cyclists, and pedestrians with backs to you
p.62

20 m
breakdown warning sign behind your vehicle
p.56

7pm–7am
headlights on (and whenever it rains)
p.57

Sign shapes and colours



Red circle Prohibitory: you must not. Obey at all times. p.11


Blue circle Mandatory: you must. p.9


Red triangle Warning: take extra care, slow down. p.14


Rectangle Information, facilities and services. p.21



STOP Stop before the white line. p.9



Give way to traffic on the major road. p.9


Orange Work zone: diamond warns, rectangle informs. p.73



Green directions (white text)


Blue expressway destinations



White facilities, or the road ahead


Brown tourist attractions

Confirmation direction signs have a chevron pointing the way; advance signs do not. p.27-34

Traffic lights


Amber Stop, unless too close to stop safely.


Flashing amber Lights out of order: go with caution, give way to traffic on your right.


Red arrow Stop if going that way; you may go straight on green.


Green arrow Go that way when clear. A flickering arrow is about to go off.


Green B Buses only.

Order: green, amber, red. Never move off on red, even with no traffic. Already past the stop line on amber? Clear the junction. 'Turn Left On Red' sign: stop, give way, then turn. p.44-45

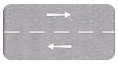
Licence and demerit points

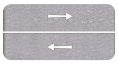
- Pass the BTT, then apply for a **PDL**: drive only with a licensed instructor beside you, two 18 cm 'L' plates front and back, **no expressways**. p.4
- New drivers: **P plates** at the top right of the front and rear windscreens for one year; failing to display them twice revokes the licence. p.5
- Suspended before? The next suspension comes at **12 points in 12 months** (24 weeks, then 1, 2, 3 years). From the 3rd suspension the licence is revoked. p.5
- Points are cleared after **12 months** without an offence. p.6
- Cannot book a test with more than **12** demerit points. p.4

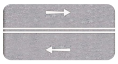
Common penalties

- **Drink driving** (1st): $2,000-$10,000 fine and/or up to 12 months' jail, plus disqualification. Repeat: $5,000-$20,000 and up to 2 years. p.58
- **Phone in hand** while using it and the vehicle is moving: up to $1,000 and/or 6 months' jail. Hands-free is allowed. p.59
- **No seat belt**: $150 and 3 demerit points (car). Everyone below 1.35 m needs a child restraint or booster. p.7, 57
- **School and Silver Zones** (and Friendly Streets): 2 extra demerit points and an extra $100. p.75-76

Road markings


Broken white centre line Keep left; cross only when clear and safe.


Single white centre line Keep left; no parking on either side at all times.


Double white centre lines Do not cross; no parking on either side.


Single yellow line No parking 7am-7pm (free on Sundays and public holidays).


Double yellow lines No parking at all times.


Single yellow zig-zag No parking; stop only to drop off or pick up.


Double yellow zig-zag No stopping at all.


White zig-zag Zebra crossing ahead: slow down; no stopping, overtaking or parking.


Broken lines across the road Give way to the major road.


STOP with a solid line Stop close to, before the line.



Chevrons Channel traffic: do not drive or park on them.

Road humps: slow down. Yellow box junction: enter only if your exit is clear (you may wait in it to turn right, or to turn left for crossing pedestrians).

p.35-43, 54

Junctions and right of way

Uncontrolled junction (no lights or signs)

- Going **straight** or turning **left**: give way to traffic going straight from your **right**.
- Turning **right**: give way to traffic going straight from **all** directions, turning right from your right, and turning left from the opposite side. p.52

- **Roundabout**: slow down and give way to traffic on your right. p.53
- Turning right into a **two-way** road: lane just left of the centre line; into a **one-way** road: the extreme right lane. p.53
- A **police officer's** signals override lights, signs and markings. p.47
- **Emergency vehicles** with siren or lights: slow down and pull over. p.62
- Overtake on the **right**. On the left only if the vehicle ahead is turning right, you turn left, in slow queues, or on one-way roads. p.50

Bus lanes

Normal (yellow line)	Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30am, 5-8pm
Full day (red + yellow)	Mon-Sat 7.30am-11pm
Sundays, public holidays	Open to all
Parking or waiting	Never, at any time

During bus lane hours: buses, bicycles, emergency and police vehicles only.

p.40

Expressways and tunnels

- No learners ('L' plates), cyclists, pedestrians or motorcycles with side-cars on expressways. Shoulder: breakdown or emergency only. Missed your exit? Go on to the next. p.4, 54-58
- EMAS lanes are numbered from the fast lane (lane 1). Signs at the start of expressways show travel times. p.29-33
- **Tunnels**: headlights and FM radio on; no overtaking, stopping, horn or unnecessary lane changes. Fire extinguishers every 50 m, emergency phones every 100 m. p.77, 83-84
- Not allowed in tunnels: vehicles 4.5 m or higher, wider than 3 m or longer than 13 m, dangerous goods, low fuel. p.77

Safe driving habits

- Dazzled at night? Look to the left edge of the road; slow down or stop. Dip your lights for oncoming traffic and when close behind others. p.57-58
- Before reversing, check for children and obstructions. Never reverse from a side road into a main road. p.62
- Flooded road you cannot judge: take another route. After water, pump the brakes to dry them. p.66
- Rear skid: release the accelerator and steer into the skid. Aquaplaning: brake on and off. p.66-68

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