

CAN I FAIL MY DRIVING TEST?

The simple answer is YES, if I am not ready.

I will tick off the requirements so I know I am ready to be tested.

Done What I need to do

	There are no log books and specific hours of driving before I am tested, I just have to be ready to drive on my own and comply with the NT Road Rules. (The link below will take me to the Road User Handbook which I need to read and understand) https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/263029/road-users-handbook.pdf
	I need to operate the car and follow the road rules while driving, making sure I don't crash.
	The link below will take me to the Test Guide which I need to read and understand. https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/162534/a-guide-to-the-driving-test.pdf

WHAT I WILL BE SCORED ON DURING MY TEST

Done What I need to do

	I will be marked on 'Speed' so I must obey the speed limits and also keep up with the traffic flow.
	I will be marked on my position on the roads. This includes parking, where I drive the car and making sure I stop before hold lines at junctions.
	I will be marked on decisions. This includes OBSERVATION errors that include looking into my blind spots using mirrors, shoulder checks and head checks.
	I will be marked on how I control the car which includes use of indicator, gears and brakes.
	I will be marked on Hazard Recognition and response so I need to be scanning the road and using my mirrors to spot danger.
	I can make 10 errors during the test, as long as I don't have more than 2 signal errors or more than 2 observation errors

TIPS FOR PASSING MY TEST

As well as driving safely and following the road rules, I will **FAIL** my test if I don't do the following things.

Done What I need to do

	I need to look over my left shoulder before turning left, before changing into the left lane and before merging into a slip road on the left. (Just looking in my left wing mirror isn't good enough)
	I need to look over my right shoulder before turning right, before changing into the right lane and before merging into a slip road on the right. (Just looking in my right wing mirror isn't good enough)
	I need to look over my left shoulder before moving towards the kerb to park.
	I need to look over my right shoulder before moving off from the kerb into the flow of traffic.
	I need to look left and right when I go through a traffic light junction.
	I need to look left and right before entering all junctions, including roundabouts.
	I need to indicate left to show I am leaving a roundabout. This includes when driving straight across (2nd exit in Katherine)
	I need to look back through the rear window before and during reversing the car. (Using the rear-view mirror, side mirrors and reversing camera are not enough)
	If I am constantly doing all the above items, I am ready to be tested.
	If I am not consistently doing all the above items, I am not ready to be tested and need more on-road practice.

This article is written by DRV4LYF Driving School.

The contents have been taken from NT Motor Vehicle Registry documents to help people to understand the testing process.