

Driving Test Checklist

Checklist · 25 items · 4 sections

Don't let a missing document or vehicle defect cause an automatic fail on your driving test. This checklist covers everything you need to bring to the DMV, the vehicle safety check examiners do before the test, and key skills they evaluate.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/driving-test-checklist>

DOCUMENTS TO BRING

- Bring valid photo ID (passport, state ID, or current permit)
HIGH
- Bring valid driving permit (learner's permit)
HIGH
- Bring proof of vehicle insurance (current policy card)
HIGH
- Bring current vehicle registration
HIGH
- Bring your appointment confirmation number or letter
HIGH
- Bring a licensed adult supervisor (if required in your state)
HIGH

VEHICLE SAFETY CHECK

- Headlights work: low beam and high beam
HIGH
- Brake lights work: test with someone watching from behind
HIGH
- Turn signals work: all four corners
HIGH
- Hazard lights work
HIGH
- Horn works
HIGH
- Windshield wipers work: front and rear
HIGH

HIGH

- All windows are clean and unobstructed
HIGH
- Tires are properly inflated with sufficient tread
HIGH
- Mirrors are properly adjusted: rear view and both side mirrors
HIGH
- Seat and steering wheel are adjusted for your height
HIGH
- Parking brake works and releases fully
HIGH
- No warning lights on dashboard (check engine, brake, etc.)
HIGH

DURING THE TEST

- Wear your seatbelt before starting the vehicle
HIGH
- Check mirrors and blind spots before pulling out
HIGH
- Come to a complete stop at all stop signs and red lights
HIGH
- Use turn signals for every lane change and turn
HIGH
- Maintain safe following distance from other vehicles
HIGH
- Stay within the speed limit throughout the test
HIGH

PRACTICE BEFORE TEST

- Practice parallel parking and three-point turn before the test
HIGH