

RoadQuest Driving Academy

REASONS FOR FAILING ON ROAD TEST

Examinees have a lot of common mistakes and may cost their license on that day. Examiners are particular on these errors or dangerous actions. Many times they will say “not today”. Be well prepared and give yourself a careful look at how to improve your skills on practice.

1. UNSAFE LANE CHANGE – When changing lane, do not brake. You are just transferring your motion to the other lane. Maintaining your speed is crucial at any point you move.
2. YIELD – Yield to opposing cars and look for the safe gap even when the light is green. Always yield on pedestrians at crosswalk or at the corner when their lights on.
3. FAILURE TO STOP – Make a complete stop behind the white line. Rolling stop is not encouraged. School bus with flashing red or STOP sign on both side, cars on both direction should stop for children crossing. “Hear the siren” when there are police cars, ambulances and fire trucks sounding, slow down and stop.
4. IMPROPER SPEED – always be aware of the posted speed limits. Playground, School and Hospital zones are strictly at 30km/hr. They give no mercy when you are above the law.
5. LACK OF EXPERIENCE – An example of automatic fail is pulling over and hit the curb, also when backing up and you do not look at the blind spot or back window. 100% relying on mirrors is worthless.
6. HONKING – When someone is honking hard behind your car. You probably are waiting too long for gap and the person behind you became impatient. Examiner would see it and send a bad signal not to pass you on the test.
7. POOR SCANNING – Tunnel vision is no good for your test but scan thoroughly, constantly looking for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclist and all posted signs. When your eyes see something basically your hands and feet will follow.
8. TOO CAUTIOUS – You might be driving too slow or turning too slow and sluggish in picking up the speed. Learn to press the gas gently to accelerate. You won't get to 50km/hr on your speedo right away.
9. FAILURE TO SHOULDER CHECK – This is vital to the examiner. Timing is critical. You don't want it too late or too early. Sad, not at all.
10. CLEAR TURNS – Maintain good positions before turns. Doing this correctly will surely prevent you from wide or cut turns.

When you keep these in mind and practice often with your instructor will result in greater understanding and confidence in handling the wheel. Happy driving...