

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Knowledge Test Information

Within the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, provision is made for a licensing authority to require applicants for Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licences to take a test of knowledge of the area to which the licence is to relate. Such tests are to relate to the layout of roads in the area and other matters regarding the operation of a taxi as the authority might consider desirable.

The licensing authority may refuse to grant a licence to any person who does not satisfy them that he/she has displayed adequate knowledge of any of these matters.

The Taxi/Private Hire Knowledge Test is a multiple choice test for all questions. All questions require to be answered.

The test has 4 parts with a total of 50 questions:-

1. Ten questions relating to the conditions attached to the type of licence (taxi/private hire car driver) you are applying for (2 points per question).
2. Ten questions relating to locations and street names of hotels, public houses, schools, places of interest, business etc. in the Falkirk Council area (2 points per question).
3. Ten questions relating to general knowledge of the highway code for all drivers (1 point per question).
4. Twenty questions relating to the routes to and from a destination. You are required to demonstrate that you will go the most direct route (3 points per question).

The pass mark is 85%. You are given three attempts to pass the test. You may get a fourth attempt if officers think it appropriate. If you are not given a fourth attempt or on the fourth attempt, the matter will be referred to the Civic Licensing Committee for their consideration. If the Committee refuses your application you will be unable to re-apply for one year from the date of the decision.

Example Questions

Part 1

What is the timescale for notifying the Licensing Authority if you have a criminal conviction or offence being recorded against you?

- (a) 7 days
- (b) 14 days
- (c) 21 days

Part 2

Where would you find The Plough Hotel?

- (a) Skinflats
- (b) Denny
- (c) Larbert
- (d) Falkirk

Part 3

On wet roads compared with dry roads will the stopping distance?

- (a) remain the same.
- (b) will be slightly more.
- (c) will be at least doubled.

Part 4

Union Road, Camelon to Haggs Tavern, Haggs.

(a) Starting on Union Road, head north towards Burnside Terrace. Turn left onto Main Street. At the roundabout take the first exit. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit. At the next roundabout take first exit and merge onto M876. Merge onto M80. At junction 7 take exit for Kilsyth/Bonnybridge. At the roundabout take the 2nd exit. Go through 1 roundabout. Arrive at destination.

(b) Starting on Union Road, head north towards Burnside Terrace. Turn left onto Main Street. At the roundabout take the 2nd exit. Head northwest on Stirling road towards Main Street. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Denny Road and continue to follow B905. Turn left. At roundabout take 2nd exit and merge onto M876. Merge onto M80. At junction 7 take exit for Kilsyth/Bonnybridge. At the roundabout take the 2nd exit. Go through 1 roundabout. Arrive at destination.

(c) Starting on Union Road, head south towards Union Gardens. At roundabout take 2nd exit onto Lock Sixteen. At next roundabout take 2nd exit. Turn right onto Tamfourhill Road and continue to follow B816. Destination will be on the left. Head north on Broomhill Road and continue to follow B816. At the roundabout take first exit and continue to follow A803. Go through 1 roundabout. Take 1st exit onto Glasgow Road. Take 1st exit onto Kilsyth Road. Arrive at Destination.