

Driver Awareness Test

Please read carefully before booking your test date

The driver knowledge test is a multiple-choice test. The private hire test has five sections, and the Hackney Carriage test has six as they are required to undertake a geographical test as well as the other sections.

ID must be shown at the reception desk at the appointment time to confirm the applicants identity. They also must leave all devices that can be use to search information such as mobile phones and smart watches with the reception staff.

There are five sections to the awareness test headed as follows:

Section 1: Rules and Regulations

Applicants are advised to study the relevant byelaws, conditions (driver and vehicle) and sections of the Taxi and Private Hire Policy; all of which are available on the council website www.basingstoke.gov.uk. Applicants may also wish to refer to recent editions of our taxi and private Hire newsletter_

Section 2: General Driving Law

Applicants are advised to study the highway code to prepare. The full highway code is available online on the GOV.UK website or testing aids can be found at your local library or bookshop.

Section 3: Basic Numeracy

Section 4: Basic English

Applicants are advised to contact Basingstoke College of Technology, Worting Road, Basingstoke RG21 8TN if they need help to improve their English and/or numeracy skills.

Section 5: Random

This is a mixture of general questions which can relate to any of the other sections.

Section 6: Geographical Knowledge Hackney Carriage Drivers Only

Applicants must ensure that they have extensive knowledge of the local area. Applicants should familiarise themselves with the estates, villages, streets and closes within the Basingstoke and Deane area as well as taking note of the location of Hackney Carriage ranks, transport hubs, public houses, supermarkets, schools, local landmarks and places of interest within the borough.

Applicants should note that that the use of a map book or reference materials is not permitted during the test and geographical knowledge must be recalled from memory.

If you are caught cheating or are seen using an electronic device during your DAT test, the test will be stopped immediately. Any future tests will be conducted under supervision, with a member of the Licensing Team present for the duration of the test. Furthermore, any evidence of cheating will be taken into consideration during the determination process and may have an impact on the assessment of whether you satisfy the Fit and Proper Person requirement.