



## First lesson - Useful things to know

Firstly, thank you for deciding to learn to drive with myself; it does mean a lot and I really appreciate it. The first couple of lessons always look like a load of talking and it's easy to forget things so I have written this document to help you with some useful pointers.

1. Feel free to email, twitter, facebook, text or call me if you (or anyone else for that matter) have any questions at all! Even if it's to settle an argument with your other half over the highway code!  
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There's also a contact me page on my website!
2. Treat me as your friend who knows how to drive. I don't want you to feel like I'm some sort of lecturer at school. I will treat you as an equal and will want you to make decisions for yourself. I will do everything I can to help you become a safe driver and as a result, pass your test.
3. I want you to enjoy your lessons. If you want to do something different to what was planned, or listen to your own music – you can at least ask, and if reasonable, I will be happy to accommodate.
4. Use my website; it's useful!! – [www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk](http://www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk); Something bad or lacking about my website or you can think of an improvement for it? – please let me know as I welcome feedback.
5. Like me or leave reviews on Facebook and Google+ all positive feedback really helps me.
6. There's **FREE** hazard perception and theory on my website and an app for your phone - [www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/online-theory-help/](http://www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/online-theory-help/)
7. Look at the safety videos, more get added from time to time - [www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/safety-videos/](http://www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/safety-videos/)
8. There are useful documents that I have written that can help you understand topics or concepts. The more you know the quicker you will learn! [www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/student-area/downloads-lesson-topics/](http://www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/student-area/downloads-lesson-topics/)
9. There are previous test routes available to view for various towns – great if you are getting private practice as well!  
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10. If you want to book tests, use the links on my website – there are companies out there that look like the official site but then charge you extra for doing what you can do directly with the DSA.  
[www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/links](http://www.gavinhouseinstructor.co.uk/links)
11. Don't forget the Terms and Conditions! They're also on my website if you lose your paper.
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15. Check out DriveIQ Pro; it's brilliant and really focusses on safe driving – [www.driveiq.co.uk](http://www.driveiq.co.uk)  
You can log on as me using [gavin.house@ntlworld.com](mailto:gavin.house@ntlworld.com) using the password 'password'; let me know if you want your own login and I'll set you up – you could get a GCSE in driving science.





## Get your theory test done as soon as possible

### Reason one

**The hazard perception videos are designed to test a novice.**

They expect you to see hazards later than an experienced driver would and therefore start scoring a bit later than you might expect. The more experienced you are at driving, the earlier you tend to see hazards. In the test, if you click on a hazard too early, you score zero for the video – therefore, the more driving experience you get, the harder it is to pass the test. (Parents generally score badly on hazard perception tests because they're too experienced for the test)

### Reason two

**We can't book a driving test until we have the pass certificate number from the theory test.**

There's approximately 2 weeks lead time on theory tests and 2 months for a driving test. Book a theory test for 2 to 4 weeks' time (or ask me to do it for you) – study like mad, use the Highway Code, use Theory Test Pro, use apps on your phone.

You need to score 43 out of 50 for the multiple choice part – you want to be scoring at least 47 every time in your mocks.

You need to score 44 out of 75 for the hazard perception part – you want to be scoring at least 55 every time in your mocks.

## Booking a driving test

I have taken people from zero to hero and passed their driving test in 2 weeks. If we both had enough time available, I could do the same for you!

Once you have passed your theory test, just book a driving test!

Government guidelines state that driving test centres must supply a test date within 9 weeks so you may have to wait 2 months for a test date!



However, it's not all bad news! When waiting times start to get near to the 9 week limit, test centre managers draft in examiners from quieter centres and create extra slots. This means that all of a sudden, there could be a test date popping up in a weeks' time!



There is also a possibility that existing bookings may be cancelled by a student because maybe they're not ready for their test or they go away on business for example. They therefore move their test back a few months and so there is a possibility that you can take the slot they vacated!



You can move your driving test for **free** 3 times providing it's not within 72 hours of your test.

When you book your test, you are sent an email with a 'click here to change the date of your test' link on it. Even if you have booked your test for 2 months' time, we can get you up to test standard and then normally find a slot within 2 weeks and so bring your test date forward. You do need to be in the system to use this feature though - so just book one!

