



Pass Plus Syllabus

Module 1 – Town Driving

Observation, Judgement and Awareness

- Eye contact
- Progressive driving without unnecessary over being over-cautious or hesitant
- Good road position - for the right reasons
- Early observation to reduce sudden braking & acceleration
- Environmental issues - driving more efficiently
- Visual scanning techniques
- Dealing with emergency vehicles

Vulnerable Road Users

- Cyclists
- Motorcyclists and moped riders
- Pedestrians - young and old
- Consideration at pedestrian crossings
- Schools and colleges

Typical features of Urban roads

- Multi-lane junctions
- Unusual roundabouts
- Bus and cycle lanes
- Under- and over-passes
- Gyratory systems

Special awareness and clearance of others

- Road markings
- Adequate clearance
- Safe stopping and following distance to others
- Forward planning
- Awareness and anticipation - of other road users
- Trams, Bus stops & bus lane awareness
- Cycle lane awareness and procedure
- Good road position





Module 2 – All Weather Driving

Vision

- Clean windscreen and windows
 - Importance of wipers and washers
 - Windscreen demisters
- Heated windows back and front, Fog lights front and rear
- Use of lights as appropriate to:
 - Rain
 - Sleet/snow
 - Fog
 - Bright low sun
 - Wet/oily roads
 - Shadows and effects

Skidding and Avoidance

- Driver (health)
- Roads conditions/surfaces
- Aquaplaning
- Skid prevention
- Skid correction
- Slow speed skids
- Use of controls and steering
- Tyre tread and pressure
- Vehicle footprint
- Effective braking/cadence
- Use of ABS

Speed and stopping distances

- Correct speed for conditions
- Safe separation distance
- Braking distances
- Fog code
- High winds and compensating for them

Weather Conditions

- What to wear
- What to take with you





Module 3 – Rural Roads

Road Hazards – Bends & Lanes

- Reading the road surface, Water, Mud on the road
- Passing places
- Soft verges/kerbs
- Differences between town and rural driving
- Dealing with bends
- Speed/position/other road users
- Dead ground
- Gradients and their effect
- Load/weight distribution
- Effect on vehicle performance
- The horn and it's effective use

Overtaking and Progress

- Passing slow moving traffic
- Where, when and why to make safe progress
- Increased potential for overtaking manoeuvres
- Safe distance following

Observation Skills

- Middle & far distance
- Hazard perception

Further Hazards

- Pedestrians with and without footpaths
- Animals, Horses and riders
 - When and how to pass
 - Riders hand signals
 - Slow moving horse boxes
 - Need to approach slowly
- Slow moving vehicles
- Tractors
- Farm implements
- Concealed entrance / mirrors





Module 4 – Night Driving

Vehicle lighting and use

- Importance of headlights
 - clean
 - operating correctly
 - correctly adjusted
 - suit road, weather and traffic conditions
- When to use which lights & why
- Legal aspects of fog lighting - front & rear
- Avoidance of dazzling other road users behind and ahead
- Awareness of half-light and the transition effect at dusk and dawn

Appropriate speed

- Able to pull up within sight range
- Adjust to suit road, weather and visibility

Parking

- Safe
- Legal
- Convenient
- Lighting rules
- On & off road

Visibility

- Safety checks
- Windscreen and windows
- Clean lights and reflectors
- Awareness and correct reaction to pedestrians
- Cyclists - with & without lights
- Intelligent prediction
- Difference between lit and unlit roads - compensating for the transition effect
- Defensive driving due to dazzle effect
- Wet roads - surface glare



Module 5 – Dual Carriageways

Joining, turning, leaving

- From slip road
- From side road
- Turning left
- Turning right
- Use of central reservation
- Roundabouts
- Assessing traffic
- Emerging and entering safely

Overtaking

- When safe
- When necessary
- Effective observation of other road users in other lanes

Forward planning and observation

- Reaction for other road users joining, turning and leaving
- Lane discipline
- Safe lane changing
- Separation distance
- Reaction to road signs and markings
- Awareness and reaction to end of dual carriageway
- Speed limit awareness
- Red warning triangles

Module 6 – Motorway Driving

Joining and Leaving

- From slip-road
- From acceleration lane
- Assessing traffic
- Emerging/entering safely
- From 1 mile marker to exit

Overtaking

- Crawler lanes
- Slow moving traffic
- High sided vehicles
- Lane positioning
- Motorbikes
- Wind turbulence
- Use of Speed

Forward planning and observation

- Look as far ahead and behind as you can
- Reaction for other road users joining and leaving
- Reaction to road signs and markings
- Safe lane changing
- Separation distance
- Awareness and reaction
- Lane discipline
- Use of Speed
- Judgement of faster and slower moving traffic

Breakdowns and Safety

- Planning a journey
- Fatigue
- Use of service areas
- Use of hard shoulder and dangers when there
- Dealing with other occupants
- Dealing with animals
- Emergency telephone
- Red Warning Triangles