

Learning to Drive Guide

A world of opportunity awaits

Drive
Cambridge



If you're ready to start learning and you are looking for a driving school in Cambridge then you've come to the right place! Drive Cambridge Driving School is the right Driving School for you for Driving Lessons in Cambridge and surrounding.

Our skilled team of instructors provide friendly and expert driving lessons in Cambridge and the surrounding area. All our instructors are registered with the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) and comply to our strict standards of conduct. They are dedicated to helping you learn to drive with minimum fuss and hassle, while making the process fun and most importantly, safe.



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Overview

You can apply for a provisional driving licence when you're 15 years and 9 months old. You can start driving a car when you're 17.

Apply for your provisional driving licence online, click here: [click here](#)

When you have your provisional licence you can drive on all roads except for motorways. You must be supervised when you're learning to drive a car.

You can be fined up to £1,000 and get up to 6 penalty points on your provisional licence if you drive without the right supervision.

Taking Driving Lessons

Anyone you pay to teach you to drive must be either:

- ✓ a qualified and approved driving instructor (ADI)
- ✓ a trainee driving instructor

All Drive Cambridge Driving School driving instructors are professional and ADI accredited and Criminal Record checked for your safety and peace of mind. Our instructors are required to operate to a strict code of conduct and should take a friendly, patient approach to learning. Our instructor vehicles are dual-controlled for safety and your lessons will be conducted in a comfortable and reliable vehicle.

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Check Your Instructor's Badge

Instructors have to display a badge in their windscreen to prove they're registered with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA). They display:

- ✓ a green badge if they're a qualified driving instructor
- ✓ a pink badge if they're a trainee

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Driving Lessons

There's no minimum number of lessons you must have or hours you must practise driving, but the Driving Standards Agency states that on average a driver will require around 45 hours of tuition plus 22 hours private practice to stand the best chance of passing their driving test. Lessons should, wherever possible, be regular – one or two a week is ideal.

How many lessons you need will depend on how quickly you learn. You can download a form to record your progress with your instructor.

Download progress form from here: [click here](#)



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Practising with family or friends

It is true that the more you practice the quicker you will learn. We recommend if possible to get extra practice in between lessons with friends and family, but under strict conditions.

Anyone you practise your driving with (without paying them) must:

- ✓ be over 21
- ✓ be qualified to drive the type of vehicle you want to learn in, eg they must have a manual car licence if they're supervising you in a manual car
- ✓ have had their full driving licence for 3 years
- ✓ The car must be taxed and have a valid MOT certificate
- ✓ The car must be insured for you to drive
- ✓ L Plates (or D Plates in Wales) must be displayed at the front and rear of the car

Theory Test

All Drive Cambridge students get driving theory test training absolutely FREE.

We have partnered with Theory Test Pro in order to deliver the most upto date and advanced training for you. Delivered by the convenience of computer, tablets, mobile and apps. You can fast track your theory test thanks to Drive Cambridge without any extra cost.

Request your Drive Cambridge Theory Test login: [click here](#)

You must have a provisional driving licence to book your theory test.

There are 2 parts to the test:

- ✔ multiple-choice questions
 - ✔ hazard perception - a video test about spotting hazards on the road
- You book and take them as a single test. You must pass both parts to pass the test.

Book your theory test here: **[click here](#)**

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Booking Your Driving Test

You can book your driving test when you've passed your theory test. Your instructor will let you know, if you are ready to take your driving test. Your instructor will determine if you are ready by assessing the following:

- ✓ The learner can drive safely in different road and traffic conditions
- ✓ The learner demonstrates that they know The Highway Code by the way they drive

The national standard for driving cars tells you everything you must be able to do to pass the test. Only take your test when you can do everything without instruction. There is no minimum number of lessons you must have done before you book and take your test, our instructors are qualified and experienced enough to advise you when they feel you are ready for the test and will also conduct a mock test to prepare you as best as possible.

The national standard for driving cars: [click here](#)

Book your practical driving test: [click here](#) or Telephone: 0300 200 1122
Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm

Your instructor will be able to help you with the forms and the booking of your practical test. You also need to ensure with your instructor that the tuition car will be available on the day.

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Documentation

You'll need to bring the following with you to the test:

- ✓ Both parts of your signed provisional driving licence
- ✓ Your theory test pass certificate
- ✓ Your appointment letter Your test begins with an eyesight test to check you can read an old style number plate at a minimum distance of 20.5 metres, or a new style number plate at 20 metres



What now?

We hope you enjoyed the guide, for further information, you can visit the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.



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If you are ready to take driving lessons, Drive Cambridge is here to support you. Simply visit our website and request a call back through our contact form:

www.drivecambridge.co.uk

or call our friendly advisor on local rate:

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