

10 Exam Tips

With all the theoretical and practical knowledge you have now acquired, you are completely ready for your exam. These tips will help you to put the last dots on the 'i'.

Good luck!

Tip 1: Make sure you are in top condition

That means going to bed on time the night before your exam, so you can start the day rested. Also make sure that you eat well and healthy, despite any nerves. A good base ensures better focus!

Tip 2: Warm up first

Plan one last driving lesson just before you take the exam, not to practice everything but to 'warm up' and get that relaxed driving feeling.

Tip 3: Check your documents and Be on time for your exam

Are you sure that your exam can continue? Before you leave, check whether you have all the necessary documents for the exam with you (valid proof of identity and completed reflection form). Check!

Nothing is as stressful as having to rush to get to your exam appointment on time. Make sure you are at the exam location well in time. This way you also have some time to sit quietly and have a drink.

Tip 4: Don't worry, be yourself!

Before you start your exam, try not to stress yourself too much. Don't think about everything that could go wrong, but assume yourself and have confidence in your driving qualities.

Drive as you normally would and answer the examiner's questions as you would with your driving instructor.

You can do it!

Tip 5: Concentrate and look, look, look

Is your exam starting? Let go of everything else for a while, concentrate on driving and make sure your focus is on looking very closely. Use your extra eyes (interior and exterior mirrors) and keep your viewing circles in mind (divide your attention between the different viewing areas).

With a good look you lay the foundation for an excellent exam, after all you see what kind of traffic situation you will end up in and adjust your driving behavior accordingly.

Tip 6: Go with the flow

Okay, you look around. Now you also want to show that you adapt your driving behavior to the traffic situation that you see before you.

A simple example is, for example, a road where you can drive 80 km per hour, try to keep to this speed, but don't make a sport of keeping the counter at 80 if this means you have to slam on the brakes every time because a driver in front of you is driving just a little slower. Driving too fast because others are doing the same is never allowed by the way.

Tip 7: Dare to decide

A pitfall during your exam can be that you drive too carefully. To be on the safe side, you give way of priority to the car while you are on the roundabout, or you are unsure about giving way. Do not! As an independent driver you must show that you can apply the traffic rules and dare to implement them.

So is there room on the roundabout? Then you take this one. Do you have priority? Then you show that you have priority. (Of course you first check whether the other driver also applies the traffic rules, but that is the next tip).

Tip 8: Be social

Show that you take other road users into account in everything you do on the road. This means that you also adjust your driving behavior to compensate for mistakes made by others. For example, when you actually have priority but see that the other road user is not going to give you this. In that case, you adjust your driving behavior accordingly and you do not put yourself or the other person in a dangerous situation by still giving way.

Tip 9: Mistake? Do not give up!

Are you making a mistake yourself? Can happen, don't let it knock you out too much, but just pick up the thread of driving again. Your examiner assesses the entire exam and a mistake does not necessarily mean that you fail.

Is something going wrong? Try to remember the situation, it your examiner may ask questions about it later to look or you know what didn't go quite right. Your answer can help you pass if you have any doubts!

Tip 10: Succeed or fail, it's in your own hands!

All these tips and good preparation ensure that there is a good chance that you will succeed. And do you fail? Then it sucks, take a deep breath and above all listen to the examiner. What can you do differently next time, does the examiner have any tips?

Do not get angry with the examiner, other road users or the situation. After all, you must show that you can drive safely, responsibly and decisively under all circumstances. And you can control that yourself, nice idea, right? Because that means that you can make sure that you succeed next time!