

PASS PLUS Syllabus

Module 1 – Town Driving

Observation judgement and awareness

- Eye contact
- Progressive driving
- 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 to others

- 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 – see and be seen

- 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

Speed and stopping distances

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

Extreme Conditions

- What to wear
- What to take with you

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

Module 3 - Rural roads

Road Hazards – Bends & Lanes

- Reading the road surface
- 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

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

Observations Skills

- Middle & far distance
- Hazard perception

Further Road 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
- Mud on road
- Concealed entrance

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

Speed and Stopping distance

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

Parking

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

Visibility – seeing and reacting safely

- 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
- MPSL/MSM
- 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 – Motorways

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
- Wind turbulence

Forward planning and observation

- Reaction for other road users
joining and leaving
- Lane discipline
- Safe lane changing
- Separation distance
- -Reaction to road signs
and markings
- Awareness and reaction
- Judgement of faster-moving traffic
- Judgement of slower moving traffic

Breakdown and safety

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