

Driving Fault Assessment Guidelines

Aspect	Grade 1 (Minor)	Grade 2 (More Serious)	Grade 3 (Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous)
1. Rules/Checks This includes the door, mirrors, seat, seatbelt, head-restraint adjustments as per the Preamble, and helmet and protective gear adjustment for motorcyclists.	A Question not answered or incorrectly answered/ or deficient check.	3 or more questions not answered or incorrectly answered or deficient checks. A maximum of 1 fault may be recorded.	Not applicable.
2. Position	Slight infringement of Position;- on the straight, on bends, in traffic lanes, at cross-junctions, at roundabouts, turning right, turning left, stopping, following traffic, or weaving slightly.	Incorrect position:- on the straight, on bends, in traffic lanes, at cross-junctions, at roundabouts, turning right, turning left, stopping, following traffic, more serious weaving.	Dangerous or potentially dangerous incorrect position:- on the straight, on bends, in traffic lanes, at cross-junctions, at roundabouts, turning right, turning left, stopping, following traffic. Weaving dangerously.
3. Observations	Slight infringement when taking observation.	Not taking proper observation.	Dangerous/potentially dangerous lack of observation.
4. React to Hazards	Inadequate reaction to hazards.	Not reacting properly to hazards.	Failure to react to hazards.
5. Mirrors	Slight misuse of mirrors.	Not using mirrors as and when required.	Not applicable when on the straight, or on 'B' car tests. Can apply to all HGV's and to category 'B' type vans and pick-ups, where direct observations could not be taken via the windows. Includes 'EB'.
6. Clearance	Slight infringement when passing by a pedestrian, cyclist, stationary vehicle, other traffic, or object.	Allowing insufficient clearance to a pedestrian, cyclist, stationary vehicle, other traffic, or object.	Driving dangerously close to a pedestrian, cyclist, stationary vehicle, other traffic, or object.

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6. Overtake Safely	Overtaking near a hill, bend, or a narrow road. Allowing too much clearance.	Overtaking close to a hill, bend, narrow road, or junction. Allowing excessive clearance. Moving in too soon.	Overtaking dangerously close to a hill, bend, or on a narrow road. Overtaking while being overtaken. Dangerously cutting in.
7. Signals	Slight misuse of signal. Incorrect hand-signal.	Not giving correct signal in good time. Not cancelling a signal in good time. 3 or more incorrect hand-signals. Beckoning to other road-users.	Beckoning dangerously to other road users.
7. Misleading Signal (Only applies where other road users are involved)	Slight misuse.	Misleading signal.	Having a left signal on when turning right. Having a right signal on when turning left. Having a left signal on when approaching a roundabout and intending to take the 2nd or subsequent exit.
8. Motorcycles	Slight inability.	Serious inability	Dangerously incompetent.
9. Courtesy	Slight infringement.	Serious infringement.	Not applicable.
10. Alighting	Slight infringement.	Serious infringement.	Dangerous infringement.
11. Progress	Slight inability/unwillingness to make progress.	Inadequate progress including at traffic lights. Causing obstruction.	Unnecessary delay, or causing severe obstruction at traffic lights.

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12. Vehicle Controls	<p>Slight misuse of primary control.</p> <p>Inability to demonstrate a secondary control.</p> <p>Misuse of a secondary control during the practical test</p> <p>Slight lack of expertise in coupling/uncoupling.</p> <p>Inability to describe a technical check.</p> <p>Slight misuse of retarder/exhaust brake</p>	<p>Serious misuse of primary control.</p> <p>Inability to demonstrate 3 secondary controls.</p> <p>Serious misuse of secondary controls during the practical test.</p> <p>Inability to describe 3 technical checks.</p> <p>Inability to operate the retarder/exhaust brake as fitted to the vehicle</p> <p>Inadequate expertise in coupling/uncoupling.</p>	<p>Dangerously incompetent use of primary control.</p> <p>Completely unable to couple/uncouple units.</p> <p>Potentially dangerous lack of expertise when uncoupling or recoupling.</p>
13. Speed	Slight misuse of speed.	<p>Excessive speed.</p> <p>Exceeding the speed limit.</p>	<p>Dangerously excessive speed.</p> <p>Wilful disregard of speed limit.</p>
14. Traffic Controls	Slight infringement.	Serious infringement.	Complete disregard, or where obstruction is caused in a bus, tram, or cycle lane.
15. Right of Way	Slight infringement of Right of Way	Not yielding Right of Way as required causing inconvenience.	<p>Not yielding Right of Way causing danger.</p> <p>Overtaking in the face of oncoming traffic.</p>
16. Reverse	<p>Slight lack of: Competency (control, position, progress).</p> <p>Observation.</p> <p>Right of way.</p>	<p>Serious lack of: Competency (control, position, progress).</p> <p>Observation.</p> <p>Right of way,</p>	<p>Dangerous lack of: Competency (control, position).</p> <p>Observation.</p> <p>Right of way.</p>

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17. Turnabout	Slight lack of: Competency (control, position, progress). Observation. Right of way.	Serious lack of: Competency (control, position, progress). Observation, Right of way,	Dangerous lack of: Competency (control, position). Observation. Right of way.
18. Parking	Slight lack of: Competency (control, position, progress). Observation.	Serious lack of: Competency (control, position, progress). Observation.	Dangerous lack of: Competency (control, position,) Observation. Illegal position.