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Motoring: Top tips for driving safely in winter



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You may also want to pack some spare warm clothes to layer up and de-loer to get rid of any ice that appears on the windscreen.

Adapt to the road conditions

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It's also important to note that while you shouldn't change your speed in a hurry, you will also need to drive slower than usual, just because some road users may still be sticking to the speed limit, doesn't mean you have to; it's before to be safe than get somewhere quickly.

Know when to use brakes and gears to slow down

With snow and ice on the ground, any harsh braking runs the risk of causing the car to skid; if you are going to brake, ensure that the ball of your foot is firmly on the floor of the car, and you brake slowly and gently. If you feel as though the car is losing grip, you can decelerate by going down in gears.

Increase your following and stopping distances

Due to the risk of your car losing grip of the ground, you will want to increase your following and stopping distances by 10 times the normal amount. If you assume that you should allow 1m per righ of your speed, and you're travelling at a slower than-usual 15mph, that would be 150m stopping distance.

You should not only allow for your braking distance, but also allow room for those decreasing their speed using their gears and not their brakes, therefore not giving any indication to the car behind. Should you then find your car skidding, you should hopefully at this point have plenty of room to slow down and come to a stop without colliding with the vehicle in front.

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Stay alert

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The winter road safety column with Bill Plant Driving School: Dealing with the seasonal challenges faced by motorists

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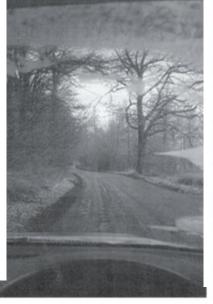
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More than 40,000 sign petition to allow instructors to issue driving test passes

By Matt Allan Tursday, 1905 January 2020, 818 a



More than 40,000 people have signed a petition calling on the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) to allow learner drivers to bypass the official driving test.

The <u>petition</u> lodged on the UK Parliament petitions site calls for driving instructors to be allowed to issue a driving test pass to students to tackle the huge backlog of tests caused by Covid-19 restrictions.

Driving tests have been <u>significantly disrupted</u> once again during the latest lockdown, with lessons and all theory and practical tests suspended.

Following the first nationwide lockdown in March, 2020, hundreds of thousands of learners were forced to rearrange their driving tests after their original appointments were <u>cancelled</u>. This led to a backlog which was worsened by <u>IT problems</u> and a reduction in available appointments. Some learners have had to rearrange their practical driving test three times.



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Learner drivers demand a licence without taking a test as exams are cancelled in lockdown

DRMING instructors automatically passing students who have had their test cancelled due to the committies pandemic is "hot the way forward" according to a leading driving school.

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DVLA explain the practical driving test

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> This would reduce the heavy backlog on the DVSA with many drivers having their tests rearranged up to five times due to anyonal lockdowns.

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The petition's author says: "It is unfair on learners who have been unable to book a test due to the pandemic to have to wait a significantly long time to be have access to booking one."