

Driving Exam

Any new driver will be required to take a driving exam in a vehicle representing the same size and weight classification as the driver's license for which they are applying.

To take a driving exam, the vehicle you provide must:

- Be a properly licensed vehicle equipped for the driver's license classification you are seeking and comply with Secretary of State vehicle condition standards including properly working brakes including the emergency brake, speedometer, headlights, brake and tail lights, registration plate light, turn signals, windshield wipers, horn, rearview mirror and muffler.
- Be equipped with seatbelts.
- Be properly insured. Proof of insurance must be provided prior to the exam.
- Display valid front and rear Illinois license plates and a valid registration sticker. If the vehicle is registered outside of Illinois, it must meet the registration requirements of the respective state.
- Be driven to the facility by a driver who has a valid driver's license/permit.

Only the examiner is allowed to be with you during the exam. Children or pets are not allowed in the vehicle during the exam and cannot be left unattended in the facility while the driving exam is under way. If you need to bring children or pets with you, you must bring someone along to take care of them.

During the driving exam, the driver and the examiner must wear safety belts, as required by law. You will automatically fail the exam if you violate any traffic law or commit any dangerous action while taking the exam.

You will be graded on your ability to perform several driving tasks and maneuvers including the following:

- Start the vehicle by checking the vehicle controls, including the parking brake and mirrors. Make all adjustments to seats, safety belts, mirrors and other equipment before you move your vehicle. All the required equipment listed in Chapter 12 must be working properly.
- Back the vehicle approximately 50 feet at a slow speed, straight and smoothly. Turn your head to the right and watch to the rear as you back.
- Turnabout using an alley on the left side of the street. Turn your left signal on before turning into the alley. Back the car out of the alley and stay on your side of the street.
- Park uphill on the side of the road.
- Start uphill from a parked position.
- Park downhill on the side of the road.
- Start downhill from a parked position
- Control your vehicle by obeying all traffic signs, controls devices, right-of-ways, lane markings and proper use of turn signals.