What must I do to pass the skills test?
• You must not have more than 12 errors, or commit a critical driving error.
• Five errors of the same skill is considered a critical driving error and is an automatic fail.

When you pass the skills test, you must:
• Return to the county DMV with your sealed unopened envelope
• Pay the appropriate fees. Then a driver’s license will be issued to you.

If you fail the skills test, you must:
• Wait three days to schedule another skills test with the same or a different skills test examiner.
• Pay the county DMV fee and obtain another skills test receipt.
• Pay the skills test examiner the remainder of the skills test fee.

Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ITD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, economic status or Limited English Proficiency.

Persons that require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact ITD Civil Rights Office at civilrights@itd.idaho.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure the state has an opportunity to address the accommodation.
What is the purpose of the skills test? To ensure future Idaho driver’s license holders are:
  • Able to take a skills test in a reasonable amount of time and distance from their home
  • Administered a valid and reliable skills test
  • Able to demonstrate the required skills and abilities to safely operate a motor vehicle

You must pass the Class D knowledge test before taking the Class D skills test except for those under 17 years of age that are on a supervised instruction permit (SIP).

Who is required to take a skills test? Skills tests are required for applicants who have:
  • Never been licensed before.
  • Completed an approved driver’s training course and the SIP (under 17) (Skills test eligibility dates are strictly enforced).
  • Been driving on an instruction permit (17 years of age or older) and want to become a licensed driver.
  • Been required by a medical or vision professional.
  • Been required to take a reoccurring skills test.
  • A foreign driver’s license if there is no reciprocity agreement between the United States and the driver’s country.

Skills tests may also be required for applicants who have:
  • Any mental or physical impairment that might affect the safe operation of a motor vehicle.
  • When a county agent has concerns about an applicant’s ability to safely operate a motor vehicle

Helpful hints when scheduling an appointment with a skills test examiner:
  • Contact the skills test examiner of your choice (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).
  • If the skills test examiner cannot be reached, leave a voicemail with your name and phone number.
  • They will not be able to return calls unless a voicemail with your information is provided (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

How do I prepare for a skills test:
  • Study the Idaho Driver’s Handbook.
  • The handbook is available at the county DMV or online at itd.idaho.gov/dmv

• An Idaho or out-of-state driver’s license that has been expired 25 months or more (does not apply to Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDL)).

Applicant Vehicle Knowledge and Inspection
The applicant vehicle knowledge and inspection section consists of items that must be located and or demonstrated by the applicant and meet standards.

If the required items do not meet standards or the applicant fails to locate and or demonstrate the items in *bold below the skills test will not continue.

  • Driver door*
  • Driver seatbelt*
  • Brake/pedal lights*
  • Turn Signals front/ back*
  • Headlights*
  • Windshield wipers*
  • Hazards/emergency lights*
  • Driver window*
  • Horn*
  • Arm signals
  • Defroster/defogger
  • Emergency/parking brake

*Must be functioning according to Idaho Code or is required by the Idaho Transportation Department for safety reasons.