

# Driving Test at Your Fingertips

All persons seeking a learner's licence in the Cayman Islands must first sit and pass the written portion of the driving exam. A learner's licence must be obtained before a first-time driver can get on the road with a driving instructor to be taught the practical aspects of driving.

Before booking for the test, it is important that candidates prepare by studying the Official Road Code and any other relevant legislation material provided by the Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing (DVDL). The applicant must also pay a fee of CI\$25 to take the written test.

The DVDL has introduced a new way for candidates to take the written portion of the driving examination. Instead of using pen and paper as in the past, the written exam now uses a computerised touch screen system.

This method is a user-friendly, easier way for written driving test candidates to sit the exam and receive quicker results of their test. The system ensures the integrity and security of the testing process as no two tests are alike. Candidates are required to touch the screen to answer a series of multiple choice questions.

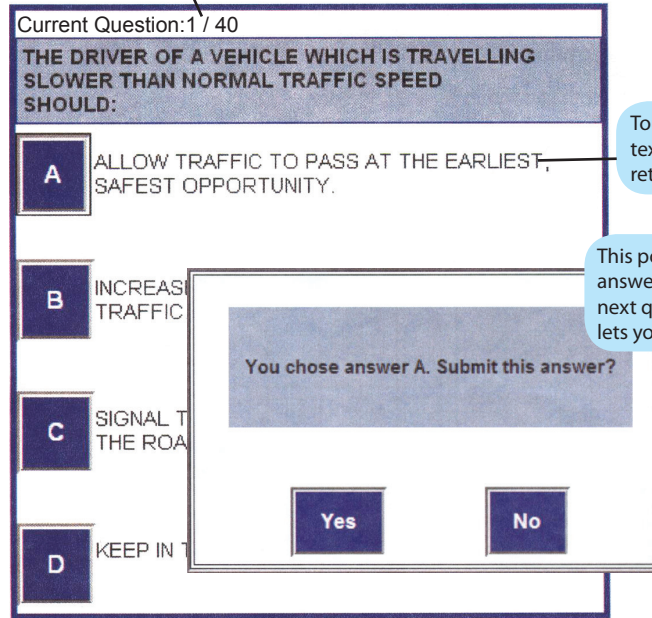
The test is in English and there's an audio on a headset to assist applicants if they have reading difficulties or are dyslexic. However, applicants who are suffering from dyslexia must provide a letter from a registered medical practitioner or an independent person such as a teacher, to confirm their reading difficulty. It is important for applicants to inform the department when booking their theory test that they are suffering from any disabilities, so that provisions can be made to accommodate them on the day of the exam.

The department will continue to monitor/audit the system to ensure credibility and accuracy of the testing process. Amendments are made from time to time to take into account changes in legislation and driving conditions. Any changes to the tests will be published in advance.

**An applicant must be 17 years or older to take the test, whether theory or practical.**



Indicates the current question number



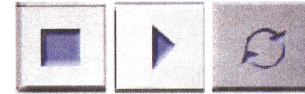
Alerts the examiner that you require assistance



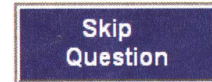
Touch to enlarge pictures or text (the screen allows you to return to the test)

This pop-up lets you confirm your answer "YES" and proceed to the next question, OR touch "NO" and it lets you revisit the question.

Touch this bar to increase or decrease the volume of the audio



Touch this if you are unsure of the answer. You will be allowed to return to the question at the end of the test in the order it appeared.



**Test No:**  
**Elapsed Time:** 00:20:00 Minutes  
**Correct:** 32

**Test Type:** Group 2 Motorcars & trucks up to 8,500 lbs  
**Time:** 00:30:00 Minutes  
**Incorrect:** 0

**Needed to pass:** 32



## IF THE APPLICANT SUCCESSFULLY PASSES THE WRITTEN TEST:

- The applicant must complete, sign and date the appropriate application form. Parts A, B & D Application for a Driver's Licence and complete Box B of licence group category (Groups 0, 1, 1A, 2, 3 or 4).
- The examiner verifies the accuracy of information supplied by applicant.
- The examiner completes the reverse of the form certifying pass and the percentage obtained on test, before having it signed and stamped.
- The applicant hands the appropriate form to a licensing officer. THE FORM MUST BEAR THE DATE AND SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT IN ADDITION TO DATE, SIGNATURE AND STAMP OF THE EXAMINER AND PASS MARK OBTAINED.
- The applicant pays a CI\$60 fee for a learner's licence (valid for 6 months) and is issued a CI Government receipt as proof of payment.
- THE APPLICANT IS THEN ISSUED A LEARNER'S LICENCE.

## IF THE APPLICANT FAILS THE WRITTEN TEST:

The applicant may make a new application for a written test on the next available time or return at a later date to make an appointment after paying the prescribed fee of CI \$25.00. There is no limit to the number of times an applicant can take the test.

## All your questions about the automated testing (touch screen) answered!

### Q. Does a person need an appointment to take the test?

A. Yes. An applicant must first make an appointment in person with DVDL to take the written test. On the day of the appointment the candidate should arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled appointment to fill out all necessary paper work. Late attendance will be recorded as a failure, and the applicant will have to make another appointment at his or her expense.

### Q. What should happen before taking the test?

A. Before the start of the test a candidate must:

- Verify his/her particulars by producing photo identification: passport, government or school ID is acceptable. A birth certificate is also acceptable.
- Produce CI Government receipt as proof of payment;
- Complete, sign and date a pre-test certification and declaration.

The examiner/invigilator will assign a test station and place the applicant in a "test queue". The applicant's name, date of birth, Passport/ID particulars and receipt number are entered into the database.

To ensure the applicant understands how to use the testing system, a sample test is given which is not graded. The applicant has the option to skip the sample test.

If the candidate chooses to do the sample test, then the actual test commences immediately thereafter.

### Q. How many questions are in the touch screen test?

A. The two-part automated touch screen test consists of 40 multiple choice questions, with one answer for each question out of four (4) possible responses. Questions comprise of general data and road signs, signals and road markings taken from the Official Road Code and other traffic legislation. The screen will only show one question at a time.

### Q. How many questions does one have to answer correctly in order to pass the test?

A. Traffic Regulation 8 mandates that an applicant attain a pass mark of 80 percent. All written examinations are graded out of 100 percent. This means that the candidate must receive a minimum of 32 correct answers out of 40 to pass the exam.

### Q. What is the duration of the test?

A. Candidates are given 40 minutes to complete their test before the system automatically closes.

### Q. What if a person does not know the answer to one of the questions?

A. Questions may be skipped and returned to later, provided time permits. All skipped question(s) will appear at the end of the test in the order they originally appeared. A PERSON CANNOT SKIP MORE THAN THREE QUESTIONS. IF A TEST IS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN THE ALLOTTED TIME, THE TEST ENDS AND THE APPLICANT IS LOCKED OUT AND CANNOT ANSWER ANY MORE QUESTIONS. Before candidates confirm their answer, they have an option to enter "YES" or "No" to indicate if that is their final answer.

### Q. What are some of the other features of the touch screen test?

A. The touch screen test has a number of features including:

- An audio option which allows someone to listen to questions and adjust the headset volume.
- A view option which allows a user to see a larger version of the image by clicking on the appropriate box or to change the font size (make the letters larger) of the question by simply touching the suggested answers (NOT a specific answer like A, B, C or D).

### Q. What if a candidate does not understand the system or the instructions?

A. The examiner/invigilator is there to assist.

### Q. Can a person bring any material into the exam room to help with the test?

A. No documentation is allowed in the examination room. Items such as cell phones and other electronic storage devices; paper; any notes scribbled on paper or any surface, are not allowed. Being caught with any of these items could result in a candidate being disqualified from sitting the exam.

### Q. Is there a specific time of day that the test is given?

A. Examinations are given Monday through Friday by appointment, so the time of day varies.

### Q. What happens after the test?

A. The candidate will receive results within 5-10 minutes of completing the test. The applicant is told whether he or she has passed or failed, and if time permits, the examiner will review the questions answered incorrectly.

### Q. What if a person is unable to take the test on the computer; can he or she get a printout?

A. Yes. If an applicant is not computer literate, DVDL will print a test for him/her to take manually. However, this will be a last resort when the system is not operative.

# Touch Screen Technology

## A new way to do the Cayman Islands Drivers' Licensing Written Test

