

Taxi Drivers - Knowledge Test Guidance

All applicants for a dual taxi and private hire drivers badge issued by Stroud District Council must pass a knowledge test. Applicants for a private hire drivers badge only do not need to undertake the knowledge test.

The test is taken at Stroud District Council's offices and includes multiple choice questions and some basic maths calculations. You may request to do the knowledge test as a verbal test. The test covers the following topics.

- Taxi law and Stroud District Council's taxi policy and conditions
- Highway code
- Locations within Stroud District Council boundaries
- Routes within Stroud District and long distance routes
- Basic maths

There are 85 questions. The pass rate is 80% which means that you must get 67 questions in total correct. Also for the section on Taxi Law and Policy, and the section on the Highway Code, you must answer a minimum of 8 of the 10 questions in these sections correctly. Questions about taxi law and Stroud District Council's policy, byelaws and conditions are based on information in the following documents:

- Common Licensing Standards for Licensing Hackney and Private Hire Drivers in Gloucestershire
- Drivers - Stroud District Council Taxi and Private Hire Policy (this document)
- Vehicles - Stroud District Council Taxi and Private Hire Policy

The above are all on Stroud District Council's website

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/business/licensing-permits/taxis-and-private-hire-licensing/taxi-and-private-hire-policy> . You should make sure that you have read these document before attempting to take the test.

The questions on the Highway Code are based on the national rules for safe driving. Stroud District covers a large area stretching as far North as Hardwicke and as far South as Wotton-under Edge. Please contact the Licensing Section if you require clarification on the boundaries. Questions about locations in Stroud District will include questions on towns and villages, pubs, clubs, hotels, supermarkets, public buildings, train stations, museums, schools and some of the main road names.

Questions about routes within the district will require you to know the names and numbers of the main roads in the district. Questions about routes to locations outside the district will focus on major destinations such as airports, ferry ports and large sport and entertainment centres and will require knowledge of the major motorway network.

The maths questions will include simple calculations such as how much change to give a customer.

The knowledge test must be booked in advance. You will be allowed up to one and half hours to complete the test. You will be advised of your results either verbally after the test or in writing. If you fail your test you will be allowed to retake it. You must pay the knowledge test fee each time you take the test.