

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Knowledge Test Information

Within the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, provision is made for a licensing authority to require applicants for Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licences to take a test of knowledge of the area to which the licence is to relate. Such tests are to relate to the layout of roads in the area and other matters regarding the operation of a taxi and private hire car as the authority might consider desirable.

The licensing authority may refuse to grant a licence to any person who does not satisfy them that he/she has displayed adequate knowledge of any of these matters.

The Taxi/Private Hire Knowledge Test is a multiple-choice test for all questions. All questions require to be answered.

The test has 4 sections with a total of 40 multiple choice questions:-

1. Ten questions relating to the conditions attached to the type of licence (taxi/private hire car driver) you are applying for (1 point per question).
2. Ten questions relating to locations and street names of hotels, public houses, schools, places of interest, business etc. in the Falkirk Council area (1 point per question).
3. Ten questions relating to general knowledge of the Highway Code for all drivers (1 point per question).
4. Ten questions relating to the routes to and from a destination. You are required to demonstrate that you will go the most direct route (1 point per question).

The pass mark is 80% per section. If you do not obtain 80% in any section when you sit the test you will be invited to re-sit the test. The rearranged test will only contain those sections you failed to obtain 80% in previously. Generally, you are given three attempts to pass each section. If you have not passed after three attempts, you may get a fourth attempt if officers think it appropriate. A fourth attempt is usually given if you have made improvement in each attempt.

You will be contacted by telephone to arrange a suitable appointment for yourself, this will be confirmed by email by us. If you are thereafter unable to attend for any reason you MUST contact us at licensing@falkirk.gov.uk to advise. If you do not attend the test without advising us this will be counted as one of your attempts.

If you are not given a fourth attempt or on the fourth attempt you fail the test, your application will be referred to the Civic Licensing Committee for their consideration. In such circumstances you will be given the opportunity to submit a letter in support of your application. If the Committee refuses your application, you will be unable to re-apply for one year from the date of the decision.

Example questions

Section 1 – Licence Conditions

What is the maximum number of passengers a driver can have at one time?

A	As many as the vehicle will hold.
B	As many as the first passenger wishes.
C	As many as it says on the operator's licence.
D	As many as the driver thinks is safe.

Section 2 - Locations

In what street would you find Cladhan Hotel?

A	Princes Street
B	Cow Wynd
C	Kemper Avenue
D	Callendar Road

Section 3 – Highway Code

How much space must you give a cyclist you are overtaking?

A	At least as much space you would give a car.
B	One metre.
C	At least half as much space as you would give a car.
D	It depends on the position of the cyclist

Section 4 - Routes

Falkirk Stadium – Elphinstone Inn

A	Head to Falkirk Rd - at roundabout 3rd exit - left to Bothkennar Rd - right Main St - Left Kincardine Rd - continue to Carronshore Head towards Kincardine Rd - go through roundabout - right Bellsdyke Rd - Bellsdyke Roundabout - 1st exit - Bowtrees Interchange - 1st exit - through roundabout - left to High St - arriving at destination.
B	Head on A9 towards Bog Roundabout - continue along the A9 towards Cadgers Brae Roundabout - Head on slip road towards Glasgow M876 - take junction 7 and continue to Junction 3 - take A905 exit to Airth - Bowtrees Interchange head along the A905 to Main Street - take left towards Elphinstone Inn.
C	Left towards Falkirk Road - turn right onto Falkirk Road - at roundabout take 3rd exit onto Glensburgh Road/A905 - At Bellsdyke Roaundabout take 2nd exit and remain on the A905 - At Bowtrees Incerchange take 1st exit and stay on A905 - go through roundabout - left onto High Street - arriving at Elphinstone Inn.

