

## Tips for Taking Your Class 5 and 7 Road Tests

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New drivers must pass two road tests before getting a Class 5 license. These tests are part of the Graduated Licensing Program (GLP). You will need to study and practice carefully before taking these tests. A few tips to keep in mind are listed here.

The Class 7 and Class 5 road tests will test your ability to perform the See-Think-Do strategy. This strategy is as follows:

- See – Scan for hazards. Pay attention to other road users and the areas where hazards could occur.
- Think – Decide which hazards are most dangerous. Think quickly about possible solutions. Decide on the safest solution.
- Do – Do maneuvers to keep yourself and others safe.

In addition the road test will test some key driving skills. A driver with road sense uses these key skills:

- Observation
- Hazard perception
- Space margins
- Speed control
- Steering
- Communication

You will do best on your road test if you make the following skills part of your everyday driving routine:

- Keep to posted speed limits. Do not keep up to speeding traffic.
- Watch for school zones and playgrounds. Speeding through school zones and playgrounds is a common reason for drivers to fail their test.
- Make full stops for stop signs, and stop in the correct position. When it is safe to move out, pull out slowly, scanning the intersection.
- When turning right, shoulder check to the right to ensure there are no cyclists, pedestrians or other road users heading straight through the intersection (and therefore into your path).
- Mirror check and shoulder check whenever you change lanes or direction.
- Keep a safe distance from other vehicles.
- Scan intersections before driving through, even if the light is green when you approach.
- Develop the habit of looking for potential hazards.

Before your road test be sure to study the information in the books *Roadsense for Drivers* and *Tuning Up for Drivers*. Both books are available at any driver licensing office and at the ICBC internet site ([www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com)) to view and download.