

THE ROYAL ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS POLICE FORCE

INTRODUCTION

Message from Traffic Department

The recipe for safe driving is made up of three ingredients:

- Knowledge
- Skill, and
- Proper attitude

It takes study and practice to obtain knowledge and skill. A person's attitude toward driving is more personal. It requires practice in much the same manner as do skill and knowledge, but more than this is a person's attitude comes from within. You are encouraged to drive safely and to develop your knowledge and skills to a high degree. Be prepared to extend courtesy and patience to other road users. Other drivers may not be as skilful or as smart as you. Always drive defensively so you won't have to pay for someone else's mistake.

Traffic Department

THE ROYAL ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS POLICE FORCE
Traffic Department

Road Test Evaluation

Standard

During the course of a road test, an Examining Officer shall assess the student's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely and record demerits for errors committed onto a Driver Examination Score sheet. At the conclusion of the test, the results will be tallied and summarized to the student.

(It is the duty of the instructors to make sure that their vehicle is in proper working condition before the Driver's test). The examiner will check your vehicle before the test. A driving test may be refused if the examiner finds your vehicle to be mechanically unsafe or defective.

Students are expected to drive in a safe and reasonable manner. No passengers (other than the examiner) are allowed in your vehicle during a road test. One exception will occur when the Examiner is being monitored or trained.

The examiner will not ask the student to do anything illegal or try to play tricks on that student. The student will be asked only to do things that are required in everyday driving.

Scoring Procedures

1. Scoring is based on a demerit system, with errors resulting in deductions or assignment of a failure.
2. Errors are listed in the main body of the form, followed by the number of points to be deducted each time an error is committed. Deductions will be assigned for the first two instances of an error. (eg. The driver fails to signal on two occasions). Since this is a 10-point deduction, the Examiner will assign 20 points in total). Additional instances of the error being committed beyond two will not be marked.
3. **Section 1 on the test sheet lists errors that will result in an automatic failure, as indicated by the "F" behind them.**
4. Errors requiring deductions shall be immediately underlined and the deductions entered in the appropriate box.
5. In the event of a test failure, the examiner should continue to record additional errors until the test is concluded.
6. Upon determination of a road failure (either due to excessive deductions or an "F", the Examiner may discontinue the test and return immediately to the station. If, however, the Examiner is confident that the public safety is not at risk, the test may be continued in order to better advise the student on necessary preparations for the next test.

Road Test Scoring Guideline

7. As a general guideline, the Examiner should realize that for the basic classes the student is not expected to drive perfectly or perform a series of perfect maneuvers. Rather there should be a demonstration of knowledge and basic skills, which will allow the new driver to operate a vehicle safely and lawfully as experience is gained behind the wheel.
8. The maximum allowable deductions are as follows:
 - a. Basic class -20
 - b. Upgrades -15

COLLISION AND THEIR AVOIDANCE:

Standard

A licensed Instructor must accompany the student on a road test and shall take preventative action when a situation occurs, which is likely to result in a collision.

When a dangerous situation arises, the Instructor shall endeavor to correct it by providing Instructions that are timely, specific, and easily understood (eg. "Stop", "Slow down" etc.)

- A. If a collision is imminent, the Instructor may have to assist with the control of the vehicle (taking the steering wheel, applying handbrake, etc.) This should be considered as an action of last resort.
- B. When an Instructor intervenes to prevent a collision:
 1. The road test shall be discontinued immediately; and
 2. The student's road test result shall be recorded as a failure.

SCORE-SHEET

A. Controls

The student is expected to be familiar with all the controls in the vehicle used for the test, and identify them if requested by the examiner. During the test, the examiner will evaluate the use of controls.

- 1. Knowledge and/or use of equipment (5 pts.)**
 - Unable to identify a control.
 - Doesn't use a control when appropriate (eg. Fail to use windscreen wipers).
- 2. One-handed steering-hand positions (5 pts.)**
 - Only one hand on the steering wheel – 10 seconds or longer

Road Test Scoring Guideline

- Both hands on the wheel but in improper position (should be between 2 and 3 o'clock, and 9 and 10 o'clock) - 10 seconds or longer.

3. Steering control (10 pts.)

- Unable to maintain a steady course
- Poor recovery from a turn
- Steers in the wrong direction while reversing.

4. Shifts too soon/late (5 pts.)

- Lugs engine
- Over-revs engine

5. Improper use of gears-up/down (10 pts.)

- Starts in the wrong gear, lugging the engine.
- Nears stalling point before shifting
- Grinds gears.
- Shifts in the wrong gear.
- Drives too long in one gear (The student may lack confidence in their shifting ability and elect not to shift)
- Coast in Neutral.
- If unable to shift gears or forced to stop the vehicle to shift gears, assign an "F" under section F11.

6. Improper use of clutch (10 pts.)

- Rides clutch
- Gears grind due to improper use of the clutch
- Coasts with the clutch depressed.
- Releases clutch abruptly while starting, vehicle jerks or stalls.
- If there is continuous coasting throughout the test, an "F" should be assigned under section F11.

7. Improper use of brakes (10 pts.)

- Brake too hard.
- Brake too soon/late.

8. Improper use of accelerator (10 pts.)

- Too hard on the accelerator.
- Spins tires unnecessarily.
- Speed fluctuates for no reason.

9. Signals too soon/late (5 pts.)

- Too soon so that another driver could be confused by your signal.
- Too late to give sufficient warning to other traffic.

10. Signal- improper/not cancelled/none (10 pts.)

- Does not signal as required.
- Gives the wrong signal
- Doesn't cancel the signal after a turn.

B. Parking/Starting/Reversing

1. **Fails to set brake/gear (5 pts.)**
 - On a hill, the transmission must be left in 'park' (automatic), 'low' or 'reverse' (standard) and the parking brake must be set.
2. **Fails to observe adequately (10 pts.)**
 - Fail to look to the rear while reversing.
 - Uses mirror only while reversing when able to look through the rear windscreen
 - Begins reversing before observing.
 - Stops checking behind before completing backup.
3. **Improper position-vehicle (10 pts.)**
 - Vehicle improperly positioned in parking lot.
 - Vehicle improperly positioned after parking.
4. **Hits curb hard (10 pts.)**
 - The deduction will be assigned if the curb is hit hard enough that the tire climbs it partway.
 - If the tire climbs on top of the curb, an "F" will be assigned under section F6.
5. **Rolls Back (10 pts.)**
 - Rolls back while starting on a hill.
 - If rollback is greater than 3 feet an "F" will be assigned under section F11.

C. Intersections/Turns

1. **Stops too far (10 pts.)**
 - Stops too far back from the stop line.
 - Fails to advance into the intersection while waiting to turn. (one vehicle only)
2. **Approach too slowly/unnecessary stop (10 pts.)**
 - Stops or brakes unnecessarily at a yield sign, where it can be seen that no traffic is approaching.
 - If traffic is affected, an "F" is to be recorded under section F8
3. **Cuts Corner (10 pts.)**
 - Cuts corner or turns too wide.
4. **Too fast-before / during (10 pts.)**
 - Approaches intersection too fast.
 - Distinct pull on the vehicle during a turn.
5. **Fails to observe conditions / late (10 pts.)**
 - Doesn't observe adequately.
 - Fails to creep forward to look around obstructions before proceeding.

Road Test Scoring Guideline

D Right of way

1. Uncertain-hesitant (5 pts.)
 - Hesitates briefly before assuming own right of way.
2. Fails to assume own right of way. (10 pts.)
 - If traffic is affected, assign an "F" in section F8.

E. Speed

1. **Too fast for conditions (10 pts.)**
 - 5 – 9 mph over the speed limit
 - If 10 or more mph over the limit, assign an "F" in section F4
 - If the client must be advised to slow down, assign an "F" under F11 or F12.
2. **Too slow for conditions (10 pts.)**
 - More than 10 mph under speed limit (good road conditions)
 - If more than 15 mph under speed limit (good road conditions) and traffic is affected, assign an "F" in section F8.

F. Road Test Disqualifications

Numbers 11 (lack of skill and control) and 12 (unsafe action) are general categories in which the Examiner will record serious errors not covered by numbers 1 to 10. The following are reasons for failing a road test.

1. **Accumulated points**
 - A failure for too many demerits is indicated by the entry in the **Deductions** box.
2. **Right of way violations**
 - Fails to yield right of way, another vehicle is affected (forced to stop, brake, or otherwise, yield to the student's vehicle.
 - Fails to yield right of way, pedestrian is affected.
3. **Stop sign violation**
 - Fails to stop completely at a stop sign.
 - Leaves stop sign when unsafe to do so.
 - Affects other vehicles while leaving the stop sign.
4. **Speeding violation**
 - Exceeds speed limit by 10 mph or more.
5. **Other violation**
 - Any traffic offence.
6. **Collides to curb walls**

Road Test Scoring Guideline

7. **Lacks caution**
 - Fails to observe adequately at intersections where there are no signs.
 - Fails to slow adequately.

8. **Obstructs traffic**
 - 15 mph or more under the speed limit (good road conditions), traffic affected.
 - Fails to proceed from stop or yield sign when safe, traffic affected.
 - Stops unnecessarily, traffic affected.
 - Brakes unnecessarily, traffic affected.

9. **Unable to perform skill maneuver**
 - Parallel park
 - Three-point turn
 - Any maneuver the examiner decides.

10. **Hits vehicle/object**
 - Contacts other vehicles or fixed objects (signs, poles, etc.)

11. **Lacks skill and control**
 - Demonstrated skill and control are inadequate in a particular area (eg. Steering) and is unsafe.
 - Although traffic was not affected on this occasion, obstructing errors were committed repeatedly.
 - The vehicle rolls back more than 3 feet.
 - Unable to shift gears or is forced to stop to do so.
 - The instructor intervenes by assisting with the control of the vehicle.
 - The instructor intervenes by advising the student on the proper procedure.
 - Anything which in the examiner's opinion amounts to a lack of skill and control.

12. **Unsafe action**
 - Speed is unsafe for conditions.
 - The instructor intervenes to prevent a collision.
 - Any action which the examiner determines to be unsafe.

Road Test Scoring Guideline

Completing the Driver Examination Score-sheet.

After the road test, the examiner will complete the Driver Examination Score-sheet by:

1. Ensuring the student's name, address, and test class is recorded at the top of the form.
2. Ensuring that the examiner's signature and date are recorded at the bottom of the form.
3. Adding the accumulated deductions and entering the total in the Total Demerit Points box.
4. Recording the circumstances of any "F" assigned in sections F5, F11, or F12 in the Comments Section.

