

# New Hampshire Drivers Practice Test (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

**Remember:** successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Don't worry about getting everything right, your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning.**

## **7. Use Other Tools**

**Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly — adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

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## Questions

- 1. What is the appropriate action to take when you encounter a pedestrian at a crosswalk?**
  - A. Slow down and use your horn**
  - B. Yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian**
  - C. Speed up to pass before they cross**
  - D. Wait until they leave the crosswalk**
- 2. How should you react when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk?**
  - A. Speed up to pass them**
  - B. Yield the right of way to the pedestrian**
  - C. Honk your horn to alert them**
  - D. Drive around the pedestrian**
- 3. What must a driver remove from an unattended vehicle according to New Hampshire laws?**
  - A. The key**
  - B. The insurance card**
  - C. The registration papers**
  - D. The spare tire**
- 4. What is the required stopping distance for a vehicle going 20 mph using the foot brake?**
  - A. 20 feet**
  - B. 25 feet**
  - C. 30 feet**
  - D. 35 feet**
- 5. When is a right turn on red permitted?**
  - A. Always**
  - B. After a complete stop unless a sign prohibits it**
  - C. Only after yielding to pedestrians**
  - D. When traffic is clear**



- 6. If smoke is coming from the engine compartment, what action should you NOT take?**
- A. Park the vehicle on a safe area**
  - B. Open the hood to check for fire**
  - C. Turn off the engine**
  - D. Use your cell phone to call for help**
- 7. What should you generally do when merging onto a highway?**
- A. Speed up to match the traffic flow**
  - B. Come to a complete stop before merging**
  - C. Merge without checking mirrors**
  - D. Weave between lanes**
- 8. A person with sight in one eye must read which vision acuity to obtain a driver license?**
- A. 20/20**
  - B. 20/25**
  - C. 20/30**
  - D. 20/35**
- 9. What should you do when you see a school bus with its lights flashing?**
- A. Pass it at reduced speed**
  - B. Stop for the bus**
  - C. Honk and proceed carefully**
  - D. Drive away quickly**
- 10. Why is it important to think before acting in driving emergencies?**
- A. To enhance reaction time**
  - B. To avoid making rash decisions**
  - C. To comply with traffic regulations**
  - D. To save fuel**

## **Answers**

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1. B
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. B

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What is the appropriate action to take when you encounter a pedestrian at a crosswalk?**

- A. Slow down and use your horn**
- B. Yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian**
- C. Speed up to pass before they cross**
- D. Wait until they leave the crosswalk**

Yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians at crosswalks is crucial for ensuring their safety and adhering to traffic laws. In many places, including New Hampshire, pedestrians have the legal right to cross at crosswalks, and drivers are required to stop and allow them to do so. This action helps prevent accidents and encourages responsible driving behavior. It's important to recognize that even if no signs are present mandating stops, the law prioritizes pedestrian safety in these situations. Therefore, yielding not only aligns with the law but also promotes a safer and more respectful interaction between drivers and pedestrians. This understanding reinforces the importance of vigilance and courtesy while navigating areas where foot traffic is likely.

**2. How should you react when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk?**

- A. Speed up to pass them**
- B. Yield the right of way to the pedestrian**
- C. Honk your horn to alert them**
- D. Drive around the pedestrian**

Yielding the right of way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk is the proper and lawful action to take. This reflects the legal and ethical responsibility drivers have to ensure pedestrian safety. Crosswalks are designated areas meant to provide a safe passage for pedestrians, and as a driver, you must slow down or stop to allow them to cross without obstruction. When yielding to pedestrians, you help prevent accidents and promote safe interactions between vehicles and foot traffic. This action is especially crucial in urban areas where crosswalks are commonly utilized and where pedestrians may be present unexpectedly. Additionally, being attentive and yielding can foster a more harmonious road environment, encouraging safe behavior from all road users. Taking other actions, such as speeding up, honking, or driving around a pedestrian who is crossing, can be dangerous and could potentially lead to serious accidents, demonstrating a lack of consideration for pedestrian rights and safety.

**3. What must a driver remove from an unattended vehicle according to New Hampshire laws?**

- A. The key**
- B. The insurance card**
- C. The registration papers**
- D. The spare tire**

In New Hampshire, it is required by law that a driver must remove the key from an unattended vehicle. This regulation is primarily in place to prevent auto theft and ensure the safety of the vehicle. Leaving the keys in an unattended vehicle increases the risk of unauthorized usage, which can lead to theft or accidents. By removing the key, the driver significantly decreases the chances of the vehicle being stolen or misused while it is unattended. Other options, such as leaving the insurance card, registration papers, or a spare tire in the vehicle do not have specific legal requirements for removal when leaving the vehicle unattended. While it is advisable to keep important documents secure and not visible in a car to prevent theft, they do not pose the same immediate risk of facilitating vehicle theft as leaving the key does.

**4. What is the required stopping distance for a vehicle going 20 mph using the foot brake?**

- A. 20 feet**
- B. 25 feet**
- C. 30 feet**
- D. 35 feet**

When determining the required stopping distance for a vehicle traveling at 20 mph using the foot brake, it's essential to consider both the vehicle's speed and the dynamics of stopping. Generally, the stopping distance increases with speed due to the time it takes for the driver to react and the distance required to come to a complete stop. At 20 mph, the average stopping distance is approximately 30 feet. This distance accounts for both the reaction time, which is the time it takes for the driver to apply the brake after recognizing the need to stop, as well as the braking distance itself, which is how far the vehicle travels while slowing down to a stop. Other distances listed would either underestimate or overestimate the realistic stopping distance for a vehicle at that speed. For instance, distances less than 30 feet would not allow for sufficient time for safe stopping, while distances greater than 30 feet might reflect higher speeds or less effective braking. Thus, 30 feet is considered the standard stopping distance for a vehicle traveling at 20 mph when using the foot brake.

**5. When is a right turn on red permitted?**

- A. Always
- B. After a complete stop unless a sign prohibits it**
- C. Only after yielding to pedestrians
- D. When traffic is clear

A right turn on red is permitted after making a complete stop unless there is a sign that explicitly prohibits it. This means that before making the turn, the driver must come to a full stop at the red traffic light, allowing them to check for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles. It establishes a safe environment for the driver to assess whether it's clear to proceed with the turn. In New Hampshire and many other states, this rule encourages efficient traffic flow while maintaining safety. It's essential for drivers to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings when making such maneuvers, especially considering the presence of pedestrians who may have the right of way. While yielding to pedestrians is indeed important when making a right turn on red, the primary requirement is to stop completely first. This ensures that drivers have a clear view of any potential hazards before they commit to the turn.

**6. If smoke is coming from the engine compartment, what action should you NOT take?**

- A. Park the vehicle on a safe area
- B. Open the hood to check for fire**
- C. Turn off the engine
- D. Use your cell phone to call for help

When smoke is coming from the engine compartment, it's crucial to prioritize safety above all else. Opening the hood can introduce oxygen to the fire if one is present, causing it to escalate and potentially lead to a more hazardous situation. Instead, the focus should be on moving to a safe area and taking actions that minimize risk, such as turning off the engine and calling for help from a safe distance. The other options involve taking responsible actions to ensure safety; parking the vehicle in a safe area helps to prevent accidents, turning off the engine reduces the risk of the fire spreading, and using a cell phone to call for help provides assistance without directly exposing oneself to danger.

**7. What should you generally do when merging onto a highway?**

- A. Speed up to match the traffic flow**
- B. Come to a complete stop before merging**
- C. Merge without checking mirrors**
- D. Weave between lanes**

When merging onto a highway, it is important to speed up to match the traffic flow. This practice helps ensure a smooth transition onto the highway, allowing you to fit into the existing traffic without causing disruption. By accelerating to a similar speed as the vehicles already on the highway, you reduce the risk of collisions and help maintain a steady flow of traffic. Creating a safe merging situation relies heavily on your ability to integrate harmoniously with the other vehicles, which is achieved by matching their speed. It's also crucial to use your mirrors and check your blind spots before merging to confirm that it's safe to enter the lane, though this aspect is not directly addressed in the correct answer. Maintaining momentum while merging improves safety and promotes efficient traffic flow overall.

**8. A person with sight in one eye must read which vision acuity to obtain a driver license?**

- A. 20/20**
- B. 20/25**
- C. 20/30**
- D. 20/35**

To obtain a driver's license in New Hampshire, a person with sight in one eye is required to meet a minimum vision standard of 20/30. This means that the individual must be able to see at 20 feet what a person with normal vision can see at 30 feet. This standard reflects an effort to ensure that drivers maintain adequate visual capabilities for safely operating a vehicle. Vision acuity is critical for overall driving safety, as good vision enhances a driver's ability to perceive their surroundings, recognize signs, and react to other vehicles and pedestrians. The standards are set to ensure that even individuals with monocular vision (sight in one eye) can safely navigate while understanding the possible limitations that may be present. The other options present higher acuity requirements, which are typically expected of individuals with binocular vision (sight in both eyes). For those with vision acuity of 20/25, 20/20, or even better, the criteria are set higher, as they demonstrate a level of visual capability that supports more complex driving tasks. However, for someone with sight in one eye, 20/30 is the established benchmark that balances safety with the reality of that driver's visual capacity.



**9. What should you do when you see a school bus with its lights flashing?**

- A. Pass it at reduced speed**
- B. Stop for the bus**
- C. Honk and proceed carefully**
- D. Drive away quickly**

When you see a school bus with its lights flashing, stopping for the bus is the correct action to take. This law is in place to protect children as they enter or exit the bus. The flashing lights indicate that children may be getting on or off the bus, and by stopping, you are ensuring their safety as well as complying with traffic regulations. In many states, including New Hampshire, it is illegal to pass a school bus when its lights are active, as this could put children at risk. Therefore, waiting until the lights stop flashing and the bus has resumed normal operation is important before you continue driving. This law applies to vehicles on both sides of the road, requiring complete vigilance and attentiveness when driving near school buses.

**10. Why is it important to think before acting in driving emergencies?**

- A. To enhance reaction time**
- B. To avoid making rash decisions**
- C. To comply with traffic regulations**
- D. To save fuel**

Thinking before acting in driving emergencies is crucial to avoid making rash decisions that could lead to dangerous situations. In the heat of the moment, drivers may feel pressured to react quickly; however, a moment of thought can help evaluate the safest and most effective course of action. This can involve considering the environment, the behavior of other drivers, and the potential outcomes of different actions. When faced with an emergency, such as a sudden obstacle or a vehicle's unexpected maneuver, taking a second to assess the situation can prevent impulsive actions like swerving or hard braking, which might exacerbate the situation or lead to accidents. Remaining calm can foster better decision-making, which ultimately prioritizes safety for everyone on the road. While the other options might touch on aspects of driving, they don't fully encapsulate the importance of thoughtful deliberation in emergency situations. For instance, enhancing reaction time is important, but it relies on the ability to make sound judgments. Compliance with traffic regulations and saving fuel, while valuable, are not directly related to the immediate response needed during an emergency.

## Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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