

New Jersey 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. 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.

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. 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!

Questions

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- 1. What is a good practice at an intersection that has no signs or signals?**
 - A. Accelerate through the intersection**
 - B. Yield to oncoming traffic**
 - C. Be ready to stop if necessary (cover the brake)**
 - D. Proceed with caution without stopping**

- 2. When driving in a school zone during designated hours, what should you be mindful of?**
 - A. Traffic signals only**
 - B. Road barriers**
 - C. Children and school-related activities**
 - D. Speeding motorists**

- 3. How close may you park to a stop sign?**
 - A. 25 feet**
 - B. 50 feet**
 - C. 75 feet**
 - D. 100 feet**

- 4. What should drivers be aware of when taking prescription drugs?**
 - A. They are always safe to use**
 - B. Some may impede motor skills**
 - C. They only affect men**
 - D. They should never be taken**

- 5. Which action should you avoid while driving in rain?**
 - A. Increase your speed**
 - B. Use your windshield wipers**
 - C. Maintain a safe following distance**
 - D. Turn on your headlights**

- 6. How often should you check your mirrors while driving?**
- A. Only at the beginning of your trip**
 - B. Every few seconds**
 - C. Every time you change lanes or make a turn**
 - D. Once every five minutes**
- 7. What should you do if your car begins to skid?**
- A. Steer in the direction you want to go**
 - B. Brake hard and steer straight**
 - C. Turn in the opposite direction of the skid**
 - D. Quickly turn the wheel back and forth**
- 8. In which of the following situations is it illegal to use your cell phone while driving?**
- A. When at a red light**
 - B. When using a hands-free device**
 - C. When texting**
 - D. When driving below 25 mph**
- 9. If you drive through a deep puddle, what is the recommended action?**
- A. Accelerate to maintain speed**
 - B. Test your brakes**
 - C. Change lanes quickly**
 - D. Ignore it as it poses no risk**
- 10. How far must you park from a fire hydrant in New Jersey?**
- A. 5 feet**
 - B. 10 feet**
 - C. 15 feet**
 - D. 20 feet**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is a good practice at an intersection that has no signs or signals?

- A. Accelerate through the intersection**
- B. Yield to oncoming traffic**
- C. Be ready to stop if necessary (cover the brake)**
- D. Proceed with caution without stopping**

At an intersection without signs or signals, being ready to stop if necessary, often referred to as "covering the brake," is essential for ensuring safety. This practice allows a driver to respond quickly to any unexpected situations, such as pedestrians crossing or vehicles suddenly entering the intersection. By preparing to stop, the driver maintains better control and is more adaptable to the conditions of the intersection, which can often be unpredictable. Proceeding with caution without stopping can be risky, as it may lead to overlooking critical factors such as other vehicles or pedestrians nearby. Yielding to oncoming traffic is also significant, yet this may not always be applicable in every intersection scenario where traffic dynamics can vary significantly. Lastly, accelerating through the intersection can be dangerous, as it increases the likelihood of a collision should another vehicle or pedestrian enter the area unexpectedly. By covering the brake and being prepared to stop, the driver prioritizes safety in uncertain conditions.

2. When driving in a school zone during designated hours, what should you be mindful of?

- A. Traffic signals only**
- B. Road barriers**
- C. Children and school-related activities**
- D. Speeding motorists**

When driving in a school zone during designated hours, being mindful of children and school-related activities is crucial for ensuring safety. School zones are areas that typically have reduced speed limits and specific regulations in place to protect students as they arrive or depart from school. Children may be crossing the street, waiting for school buses, or engaging in other activities that could put them at risk if drivers are not vigilant. In these areas, it's important to watch out for not just children on foot but also for cyclists, school staff directing traffic, and any signs indicating school crossing zones. The presence of children can make the environment unpredictable, as they may not always be aware of their surroundings in the same way adults are, which is why extra caution is necessary. While observing traffic signals, road barriers, and any potential reckless driving by others also contributes to overall safety on the road, the primary focus in a school zone should be on the children and school-related activities to prevent any accidents and ensure their safe movement.

3. How close may you park to a stop sign?

- A. 25 feet
- B. 50 feet**
- C. 75 feet
- D. 100 feet

The correct answer is that you may park no closer than 50 feet from a stop sign. This guideline is in place to ensure that vehicles do not obstruct the view of the stop sign for other drivers or pedestrians. It also allows for proper visibility and maneuverability for vehicles approaching the intersection. Parking too close could hinder safe driving conditions, as drivers may not be able to see the stop sign until it is too late, potentially leading to accidents. In urban and suburban settings, keeping this distance helps maintain clear sightlines at intersections, which is crucial for traffic safety. Following this rule also helps promote orderly traffic flow and each driver's ability to comply with stopping regulations safely.

4. What should drivers be aware of when taking prescription drugs?

- A. They are always safe to use
- B. Some may impede motor skills**
- C. They only affect men
- D. They should never be taken

The correct answer highlights the potential impact of prescription drugs on a driver's motor skills. Many prescription medications can cause side effects such as drowsiness, dizziness, or impair coordination, which are all critical for safe driving. Therefore, it is crucial for drivers to understand that even though a medication is prescribed by a doctor, it may still affect their ability to operate a vehicle safely. Awareness of these side effects is essential for ensuring both the driver's safety and the safety of other road users. It's important for drivers to read medication labels, consult healthcare providers, and understand how a specific drug may alter their alertness or reaction times before getting behind the wheel. This ensures that they make informed decisions regarding their ability to drive after taking prescription medications.

5. Which action should you avoid while driving in rain?

- A. Increase your speed**
- B. Use your windshield wipers
- C. Maintain a safe following distance
- D. Turn on your headlights

Increasing your speed while driving in rain is something that should be avoided because wet conditions significantly reduce traction between tires and the road surface. When driving in the rain, roadways may become slippery, especially during the initial rain when oil and debris rise to the surface. Higher speeds can lead to a greater risk of losing control of the vehicle, longer stopping distances, and increased chances of hydroplaning, where the tires ride on top of the water rather than making contact with the road. By maintaining appropriate speed for wet conditions, drivers can better react to unforeseen obstacles and maintain control of the vehicle.

6. How often should you check your mirrors while driving?

- A. Only at the beginning of your trip**
- B. Every few seconds**
- C. Every time you change lanes or make a turn**
- D. Once every five minutes**

The most effective practice for checking mirrors while driving involves doing so every time you change lanes or make a turn. This is vital for maintaining awareness of your surroundings, as it allows you to identify any vehicles or obstacles in your vicinity that may not be visible in your direct line of sight. Checking mirrors during these specific actions helps ensure that it is safe to proceed and reduces the risk of accidents caused by blind spots. While it is important to check your mirrors periodically, the primary emphasis is on the moments when your vehicle's position is about to be altered. This practice not only promotes safer driving but also enhances your overall situational awareness on the road.

7. What should you do if your car begins to skid?

- A. Steer in the direction you want to go**
- B. Brake hard and steer straight**
- C. Turn in the opposite direction of the skid**
- D. Quickly turn the wheel back and forth**

When your car begins to skid, the most effective response is to steer in the direction you want the vehicle to go. This technique helps regain control of the vehicle by guiding it back onto the intended path. If you're skidding to the right, for instance, you should turn the steering wheel to the right. This action can align the wheels with the direction of the skid, allowing the tires to regain traction with the road surface. Braking hard and steering straight can exacerbate the skid, as it may cause the vehicle to lose even more control. Similarly, turning in the opposite direction of the skid can lead to a loss of control, as it is not the natural way for the vehicle to respond in such a situation. Lastly, quickly turning the wheel back and forth can create erratic movements, which may further destabilize the vehicle instead of providing the necessary control to recover from the skid.

8. In which of the following situations is it illegal to use your cell phone while driving?

- A. When at a red light**
- B. When using a hands-free device**
- C. When texting**
- D. When driving below 25 mph**

Using a cell phone while driving is illegal when texting because it poses a significant distraction and increases the risk of accidents. Texting requires the driver to take their eyes off the road, hands off the steering wheel, and their focus away from driving, making it one of the most dangerous activities while operating a vehicle. New Jersey law specifically prohibits texting while driving due to this heightened risk. In contrast, using a hands-free device is generally permitted as it allows the driver to keep both hands on the wheel while still being able to communicate. Being stopped at a red light does not provide an exception for using a handheld device, but it may not be the primary concern in the context of driving behavior. Additionally, driving below a certain speed does not exempt a driver from distractions like texting. Thus, the law specifically targets texting as a hazardous behavior that should never be engaged in while driving.

9. If you drive through a deep puddle, what is the recommended action?

- A. Accelerate to maintain speed**
- B. Test your brakes**
- C. Change lanes quickly**
- D. Ignore it as it poses no risk**

When driving through a deep puddle, it is recommended to test your brakes afterward. This is important because water can reduce the braking effectiveness and may cause the brakes to become wet, leading to a temporary reduction in performance. Testing the brakes ensures that they are operating properly and helps to prevent any unexpected issues that could arise if you need to stop suddenly. In addition, it is critical to allow for a safe distance between you and other vehicles after passing through a puddle. This precaution helps to ensure that you can effectively react if any braking issues occur. While maintaining speed through a puddle or changing lanes quickly might seem like options to avoid losing momentum, they can actually lead to loss of control due to hydroplaning or sudden wet conditions affecting the vehicle's traction. Ignoring the puddle altogether increases the risk of an accident, as it fails to address the potential hazards involved. Testing the brakes is a cautious and responsible action to take to ensure safety.

10. How far must you park from a fire hydrant in New Jersey?

- A. 5 feet
- B. 10 feet**
- C. 15 feet
- D. 20 feet

In New Jersey, the regulation states that you must park at least 10 feet away from a fire hydrant. This distance is crucial because it ensures that firefighters have clear access to the hydrant in case of an emergency. If a vehicle is parked too close, it can impede their ability to connect to the hydrant quickly and efficiently, potentially delaying firefighting efforts. By maintaining a distance of 10 feet, you help to facilitate a faster response in emergency situations, which is a vital aspect of public safety.

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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.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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