

# North Dakota Drivers Education 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 should you do if you encounter a school bus with its stop sign extended?**
  - A. Pass the bus at a higher speed**
  - B. Stop and wait until the sign is retracted**
  - C. Blow your horn to alert the bus driver**
  - D. Proceed with caution**
  
- 2. When do you need to yield the right-of-way?**
  - A. When another vehicle is in the intersection or when pedestrians are crossing**
  - B. Only at stop signs**
  - C. Whenever another driver signals**
  - D. When you feel it is safe**
  
- 3. Which of the following is a common sign of driver fatigue?**
  - A. Increased alertness**
  - B. Frequent yawning**
  - C. Stronger focus on the road**
  - D. Ability to maintain speed**
  
- 4. When is it permissible to drive in the left lane on a highway?**
  - A. When traffic is moving slowly**
  - B. Only when passing another vehicle or preparing to turn left**
  - C. When there are no vehicles behind you**
  - D. Anytime you feel like it**
  
- 5. What should you do at an intersection with no stop signs or signals?**
  - A. Accelerate through the intersection**
  - B. Stop and wait for traffic**
  - C. Yield to the traffic on your right**
  - D. Make a left turn safely**

- 6. What is the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for drivers under 21 in North Dakota?**
- A. 0.08%**
  - B. 0.04%**
  - C. 0.00%**
  - D. 0.10%**
- 7. What is the minimum distance you should park from a sidewalk, driveway, fire hydrant, intersection, or crosswalk?**
- A. 5 feet**
  - B. 10 feet**
  - C. 15 feet**
  - D. 20 feet**
- 8. A truck's blind spot goes for \_\_\_\_\_ feet in front.**
- A. ten feet**
  - B. twenty feet**
  - C. thirty feet**
  - D. forty feet**
- 9. What does a green arrow mean at an intersection?**
- A. You must stop and wait**
  - B. You may proceed in the direction of the arrow**
  - C. Yield to pedestrians**
  - D. Prepare to stop for traffic signals**
- 10. What is the recommended following distance behind another vehicle on the highway?**
- A. One second**
  - B. Two seconds**
  - C. Three seconds**
  - D. Four seconds**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What should you do if you encounter a school bus with its stop sign extended?**

- A. Pass the bus at a higher speed**
- B. Stop and wait until the sign is retracted**
- C. Blow your horn to alert the bus driver**
- D. Proceed with caution**

When you encounter a school bus with its stop sign extended, the proper action is to stop and wait until the sign is retracted. This law is designed to protect children getting on or off the bus, as the extended stop sign indicates that children may be crossing the road. Stopping ensures their safety and complies with traffic laws, which mandate that all vehicles must halt in both directions when a school bus has its stop sign displayed. Passing the bus at a higher speed poses significant risks, as it may endanger children in the vicinity. Blowing your horn to alert the bus driver is also inappropriate since the bus driver is already aware of the situation and is focused on the safety of the children. Proceeding with caution does not meet the legal requirement to stop and could lead to serious consequences, including fines or accidents. Therefore, waiting until the stop sign is retracted is the safest and most responsible action to take.

**2. When do you need to yield the right-of-way?**

- A. When another vehicle is in the intersection or when pedestrians are crossing**
- B. Only at stop signs**
- C. Whenever another driver signals**
- D. When you feel it is safe**

Yielding the right-of-way is an important traffic rule that helps ensure safety on the roads. You are required to yield the right-of-way when another vehicle is in the intersection or when pedestrians are crossing. This is because intersections can be particularly hazardous, and allowing vehicles and pedestrians to proceed safely can prevent collisions and ensure smooth traffic flow. In busy areas or complex intersections, being aware of the presence of other vehicles and pedestrians is crucial. If you approach an intersection and another vehicle is already inside it or if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing, you must allow them to move first before proceeding. This principle helps maintain order and safety on the road, emphasizing the importance of vigilance and courtesy among drivers and pedestrians alike. Other situations that might come to mind, like stop signs or signaling, are specific scenarios that do not encompass the broader context of yield situations. While these situations are relevant to yielding, they do not fully represent the primary conditions under which the right-of-way must be yielded.

**3. Which of the following is a common sign of driver fatigue?**

- A. Increased alertness
- B. Frequent yawning**
- C. Stronger focus on the road
- D. Ability to maintain speed

Frequent yawning is a clear indication of driver fatigue. It is a physiological response of the body that often occurs when someone is feeling tired or drowsy. Yawning can signal a lack of adequate sleep or mental exhaustion, which can significantly impair a driver's concentration and reaction times. When a driver is fatigued, they may struggle to maintain focus and could experience difficulties in staying alert. Consequently, behaviors commonly associated with fatigue, like yawning, can serve as vital warnings for when it's time to take a break or find a safe place to rest. Recognizing these signs is essential for promoting road safety and preventing accidents caused by drowsy driving.

**4. When is it permissible to drive in the left lane on a highway?**

- A. When traffic is moving slowly
- B. Only when passing another vehicle or preparing to turn left**
- C. When there are no vehicles behind you
- D. Anytime you feel like it

Driving in the left lane on a highway is primarily intended for passing other vehicles or preparing to turn left. This rule helps maintain a smooth flow of traffic and reduces the likelihood of accidents caused by slower vehicles obstructing faster-moving traffic. The left lane is designed for overtaking slower vehicles in the right lanes, and when a driver uses it solely for these purposes, it promotes safety by allowing faster traffic to pass without unnecessary delays. Remaining in the left lane for other reasons can lead to congestion and frustrate drivers who wish to overtake, potentially causing dangerous situations. Other options suggest scenarios that aren't consistent with safe driving practices. For instance, driving in the left lane when traffic is slow or when there are no vehicles behind you does not align with the intended use of that lane. The left lane should primarily serve the purpose of passing or preparing for a turn, in line with traffic laws.

**5. What should you do at an intersection with no stop signs or signals?**

- A. Accelerate through the intersection**
- B. Stop and wait for traffic**
- C. Yield to the traffic on your right**
- D. Make a left turn safely**

At an intersection with no stop signs or signals, the correct action is to yield to the traffic on your right. This rule is particularly important in situations where there are no other regulating signs or signals to indicate who has the right-of-way. Yielding to the right ensures a smooth flow of traffic and helps prevent collisions. In the absence of traffic control devices, drivers are generally expected to follow the "right-hand rule," which means that if two vehicles arrive at the intersection at the same time, the vehicle on the left must yield to the vehicle on the right. This principle is designed to enhance safety at unregulated intersections. Other options might suggest actions that could lead to confusion or accidents. For instance, accelerating through the intersection disregards the necessary caution that should be exercised when approaching any intersection. Stopping and waiting for traffic, while cautious, is not required unless it's necessary to avoid a collision, and making a left turn would be unsafe without ensuring that the path is clear and that you are yielding to oncoming traffic or any other vehicles that have the right-of-way.

**6. What is the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for drivers under 21 in North Dakota?**

- A. 0.08%**
- B. 0.04%**
- C. 0.00%**
- D. 0.10%**

The legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for drivers under 21 in North Dakota is 0.00%. This means that any detectable level of alcohol in the bloodstream is considered illegal for individuals in this age group. This zero-tolerance policy is in place to promote safety and discourage alcohol consumption among young and inexperienced drivers. By enforcing a 0.00% BAC limit for drivers under 21, the state aims to reduce the likelihood of alcohol-related accidents and fatalities, as young drivers often lack the experience to handle the impairing effects of alcohol, even in small amounts. This stringent standard emphasizes the importance of responsible driving behaviors and reinforces the message that drinking and driving is unacceptable. In contrast, the other BAC limits indicated would apply to specific situations for drivers of legal drinking age, but they do not pertain to those under 21, who are not yet legally permitted to consume alcohol.

7. What is the minimum distance you should park from a sidewalk, driveway, fire hydrant, intersection, or crosswalk?

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

Parking regulations are established to ensure safety and accessibility for all road users. The minimum distance of 10 feet from a fire hydrant is particularly important as it allows fire trucks to access the hydrant without obstruction in case of emergencies. Additionally, maintaining at least 10 feet from driveways and intersections helps avoid blocking visibility and ensuring that vehicles can enter and exit smoothly without being hindered by parked cars. In urban areas, maintaining this distance also supports pedestrian safety at crosswalks by ensuring that visibility is not compromised when vehicles are parked too close, thus allowing pedestrians to navigate safely. This practice helps create safer roads and communities by ensuring all areas remain accessible and visible for both drivers and pedestrians.

8. A truck's blind spot goes for \_\_\_\_\_ feet in front.

- A. ten feet
- B. twenty feet**
- C. thirty feet
- D. forty feet

A truck's blind spot extends for twenty feet in front of the vehicle. This significant distance reflects the size and height of trucks compared to other vehicles, which create larger areas that are not visible to the driver. Understanding the dimensions of a truck's blind spot is crucial for all drivers, especially those operating smaller vehicles, as it highlights the importance of staying vigilant and maintaining safe distances when driving near trucks. This knowledge helps prevent accidents by encouraging drivers to avoid lingering in these blind spots, ensuring a safer roadway environment for everyone.

9. What does a green arrow mean at an intersection?

- A. You must stop and wait
- B. You may proceed in the direction of the arrow**
- C. Yield to pedestrians
- D. Prepare to stop for traffic signals

A green arrow at an intersection indicates that you may proceed in the direction that the arrow is pointing. This signal gives drivers the right-of-way to move through the intersection safely and legally, provided the way is clear of other vehicles or pedestrians. It signals a specific movement that is allowed, which is why understanding this signal is crucial for safe driving. The green arrow is designed to enhance traffic flow and improve safety at intersections, especially when combined with other signals. It's important for drivers to be aware of the surrounding context, including any pedestrians or other vehicles, to ensure a safe maneuver in the direction indicated by the arrow. This signal allows for more efficient management of traffic, particularly in busy areas.

**10. What is the recommended following distance behind another vehicle on the highway?**

- A. One second**
- B. Two seconds**
- C. Three seconds**
- D. Four seconds**

The recommended following distance behind another vehicle on the highway is three seconds. This guideline is based on the principle that maintaining a safe distance allows drivers sufficient time to react to any sudden changes or emergencies that may occur ahead. By following this rule, drivers can better gauge their stopping distance, which can be influenced by speed, road conditions, and the size and weight of their vehicle. The three-second rule accounts for these variables by providing a buffer that helps to prevent collisions, especially in high-speed environments like highways. To determine if you are maintaining this distance, you can choose a fixed point on the road (such as a sign or a tree) and count the seconds it takes from the moment the vehicle in front of you passes that point until you reach it. If it takes three seconds or more, you are at a safe following distance. This practice is particularly important in various weather conditions that might reduce vehicle traction and increase stopping distance, further emphasizing the need for a greater buffer between vehicles for 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.**

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