

# Taxi Assessment Definitions

## Controls

**Precautions:** Safety checks before starting the engine. Making sure the handbrake is in the on and the gear stick is in a neutral position unless vehicle system requires otherwise. The driver should make all necessary adjustments to allow control of the vehicle at all times.

**Clutch:** Correct use of the clutch pedal. Timing of the clutch pedal depression and release. Having smooth operation and control throughout the levers travel. Coasting must be controlled.

**Footbrake:** Correct use of the footbrake pedal. Using the brake pedal in good time to allow smooth operation and control throughout the levers travel. Showing knowledge of cadence braking when the need arises or when no ABS is available. Performing an emergency stop under full control if required.

**Accelerator:** Correct use of the accelerator pedal. Timing of the accelerator Pedal's depression and release. Smooth operation and control throughout the lever's travel.

**Gears:** Correct use of the gear stick. Gear selection should match the road speed and engine speed when selected. Gear selection should demonstrate awareness of ECO driving. The vehicle must not coast with the gear stick in a neutral position.

**Steering wheel:** Correct use of the steering wheel. Avoiding under or over steering. Having one hand in contact with the steering wheel at all times when the vehicle is moving. Smooth operation of the steering wheel to remain in control of the vehicle at all times.

**Parking brake:** Correct operation of the parking brake. Using the parking brake when necessary.

**Ancillary controls:** You should before moving off be familiar and aware of all the vehicle controls including their operation.

## Procedure

**Speed:** Driving at an appropriate speed. Your speed must match the surroundings and conditions for the area you are travelling in. Obeying all traffic signs, road markings and instructions relating to speed.

**Mirrors:** Making correct and effective adjustment of the mirrors. Making effective use of the mirrors to react safely and appropriately to what is observed.

**Signals:** Signalling correctly, when necessary and properly timed.

**Positioning:** Taking the correct position for stops, normal driving and lane discipline.

**Awareness:** Being aware of your surroundings, and anticipating the movement of other road users to enable you to take appropriate action in good time.

**Planning:** Having all round awareness and demonstrating this by responding to hazards in good time.

**Observations:** Making effective observations via use of the mirrors and the checking of blind spots.

## **Reversing**

**Turn in the road:** Control, observation and accuracy.

**Reverse park:** Control, observation and accuracy.

**Reverse in to a side road:** Control, observation and accuracy.

## **Junctions**

**Turning left:** Making effective observations at all junctions. Using mirror, signal and manoeuvre when and where appropriate. Allowing other road users to be aware of your intentions and responding correctly before proceeding to turn. Ensuring an appropriate speed on approach for the turn, checking the road being turned into is safe and clear of obstructions.

**Turning right:** Making effective observations at all junctions. Using mirror, signal and manoeuvre when and where appropriate. Allowing other road users to be aware of your intentions and responding correctly before proceeding to turn. Ensuring an appropriate speed on approach for the turn, checking the road being turned into is safe and clear of obstructions.

## **Response to traffic**

**Signs/Lights/Markings:** Responding correctly and in good time as stated in the

Highway Code.

**Vehicle safety checks:** Demonstration of the knowledge required to conduct a safety check.