

# **“Keep Left & Pass Right”**

**Priscilla’s K53**

**Learners Licence Self Test**

**For Code 8**

**Light Motor Vehicles**

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This book was specially combined to help you pass your code 8 (which is now known as code 2) learners licence test and only people who are 17 years of age may apply for this code 2 for light motor vehicle.

## Is this you?

Would you like to drive to Durban, Port Elizabeth or Cape Town?

How about saving 2 hours of travelling from home to work? ...

Are you tired of asking your friends or parents to pick you up and drop you off?

Do you want to be a police officer? But finding it difficult to fulfil your dream because you have failed your learners test so many times, now you gave up on it!

Having an important meeting at 10 in town, but you have to leave the house at 6 in the morning, because of fear of being late? And

How about all those job interviews you have gone to, but your potential employers called you for the second interview, because you don't have a drivers licence?

Imagine sitting in traffic congestion on the N3 or N1, you are in a taxi and as usual its "four, four" the taxi is full and hot inside. Suddenly there is a small convenient ford car that is going side by side with the taxi because of the slow traffic, when you look it's a one man's show in the car, easy and relaxed. You, on the other hand you wish you were the one driving that car! You say to yourself "If only I can get a learners licence"

Your parents have cars, and they sometimes go together using only one car, leaving the other in the garage. Now you desperately need to go out, but you cant because you don't have a licence!

How much would you save on travelling fares, the kids school transport If only you had a drivers licence?

You have just got a job in a big company; they have employee's benefits that everyone will like to get their hands on. One of the benefits is a car allowance, but you don't have a licence!

You are probably not noticing it, but your so-called "friends" are getting sick and tired of you asking them for a lift every time!

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If this is you, we only have one solution for you... Get a Learners Licence and get it now! And we are going to show you how to it right using this book...

## **What We Have Discovered About Passing Your Learners Test**

We have discovered the easy way for you to pass your learners test. Not many people pass their learners the first time; many even lose hope after failing 2 or more times and they rather go for fake licences or get one illegally.

You do not have to go that route to pass your learners test; it can be done the first time around. My motto for you is

“You will pass your learners the first time. Believe me, it’s possible to pass your learners the first time”

We understand you might have taken your test, failed, and now you want to give it another go, No Problem! With the kind of information we have put together in this K53 book, you will be having your learners licence sooner than you can imagine.

### **Preparing for a learners test**

Take a moment and look at the people who drive and ask yourself why you want to drive? Yes there can be various answers following that question.

My motive for getting “a learners” was that I came to understand that having a car was no longer a luxury but a necessity, and the more I opened my eyes to the day to day runnings of my life, the more I wanted to drive.

But before I can drive I need to have learners licence, then followed by a drivers licence. This looks like the longest process ever in solving your problem now. The best thing at this stage is not to rush, but have patience.

One of my friends failed his learners test, and when we sat down to look back at the wrong things he had done, before writing and the actual preparation for the test, we discovered that he only did it because he was getting peer pressure from his age group that already owned cars.

By looking back to his situation, we had come up with great guidelines that will help you get your learners licence first time too...

### **4 things you need to do for you to get your Learners Licence**

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- 1.** You need to take the learners licence test as a goal that you want to reach, and not as something that’s an obstacle on your career or dream.
- 2.** Have the time to sit down with a K53 book, study the material. You must remember that, with learners test, they don’t just ask you questions about the road signs or about what you should do when the robot turns green. They also test you on road scenarios, rules of the road, intersections, speed limits, towing cars, car lights, and car tyres. So don’t think it’s easy. Preparing for your learners is not something to take lightly. Take time to study the material!
- 3.** 75% of people fail their learners test because of panicking and not thinking straight. When you prepare for your learners, also prepare your mind and body to accommodate the situation.

**4.** Don't be overconfident. Don't enter the test room with an arrogant type of attitude. It will work against you. Be polite, and accommodating always. Rather be confident but recognize the examiners have a important job to do.

### **Steps to Help You Prepare For Your Learners Licence Test?**

**Step 1-** Make an appointment for your learners licence test through the call centre. The system is not foolproof and it can be very frustrating. Persevere.

**Step 2 –** You can study for your learners licence through a driving school, or use this K53 learner's self-testing book. Whichever way keep referring to this material for your learners test.

**Step 3 –** When you get hold of your K53 book, don't rush to study the road signs first. First familiarise yourself with the rules of the road, and then study the road signs and your controls.

**Step 4 -** Very important; don't forget to book off work or school for writing your learners test. Make sure you set a reminder or ask someone else to remind you.

**Step 5 –** If you know anyone with a car, you can ask to take a ride with them, get to sit in front, as he/she drives around remind yourself of what the road signs mean and what your response should be. Pay attention to what's happening around you whatever mode of transport you use. Carry this book around with you.

**Step 6 –** Observe as much about traffic rules as you can. Watch what other drivers do on the road. Be critical and objective. Don't copy bad habits...

**Step 7-** A day before the test, get as much sleep as you can and relax. But before you go to sleep, remind yourself of what you know and try to answer the self test one more time.



## Why Do People Fail Their Learners Test?

### 1. Lack of preparation

You need to prepare and study and repeat and repeat again. Spend 5 minutes every hour just refreshing your memory.

### 2. Being Nervous in a learners test

This is a very common factor amongst people who are going to write a test. 52% of the countries people who have written their learners licence and did not pass the first time around, say it was because they were nervous. The other 48% were also nervous but were able to better control their emotions. Relax ... if you fail it's not the end of the world. But do the preparation and chances are good that you will succeed. If you enter the test room nervous, and if you're not thinking straight, you will not be able to read and understand the questions well. You know the answers but you are too stressed to recall them. Start practicing a routine from the day you book a learners licence appointment to control your emotions.

A few ideas that might help you control you nervous before writing your learners test:

- Get plenty of sleep
- Avoid caffeine
- Use medicine if it helps
- Talk about your nervousness with someone who has already written his or her learners test
- Give yourself time and confront the type of questions that you think are difficult
- Avoid alcohol and drug abuse

The test only lasts for an hour. You can do it ... remember that! You worked hard, there's no need to be fearful.

### 3. Corruption in the Licencing department

We can't deny this factor, its happening close to all the testing centres in South Africa. I wish we had a method to stop this as we speak. Do not succumb to any form of bribery. It is a criminal offence to bribe or be bribed.

## The Minimum Requirements to Pass Your Learners License Test

The learners licence test in South Africa has been divided into three sections:

1. Rules (28 points)
2. Signs (28 points)
3. Controls (8points)

In order to pass the learners license test the minimum required for each section of the learners license test is a follows:

Rules 22 or 23

Signs 22 or 23

Controls 6

If you have a minimum of 22 for the Rules section of the learners test you need a minimum or 23 for the Signs section or vice versa.



## **What is the K53 And How Can It Help To Get Your Learners Licence?**

### **Keep Left & Pass Right**

The keep left and pass right K53 book is combined to help learners in South Africa pass their learners licence the first time around. Hence keep left and pass right is the most important rule when driving in South Africa's roads, this book has emphasized all the road signs, rules and car controls you will need to take along to your learners test appointment.



### **Where does the K53 come from?**

The K53 is used in all the South African driving schools and testing centres to prepare people to pass their learners licence. This is the actual preparation method that was used in the United Kingdom in the 1980's, but was upgraded to suit the laws and regulations of South Africa. The K53 involves knowing about the control of a car, the rules of the road and the understanding of road signs.



## Very Useful Tips About the rules of the Road Test

### What you must know about parking bays

B- Buses

L - Loading Zone

T - Taxis

R- Rickshaws

MB- Mini Buses

A- Ambulances

FB- Fire Brigades

DC- Diplomatic Cars

DW - Defence Force Cars

SOS -Emergency Cars



### You are not allowed to park:

- In a no stopping area
- Where you would distract oncoming traffic or obscure any road sign
- Within 5 metres of an intersection
- Where the parking bay is reserved for other users
- Where the road is less than 5,5m wide
- On a traffic island
- Over a solid white line



### The yellow line:

- You are allowed to drive on the left hand side of the yellow line only if you are experiencing a car breakage
- Your car is moving slow for some reason and you want to let other cars pass by

# Know The Rules Of The Road!

## Learners Licence Test

Here is a chance to get the real feel on what to expect from the learners test

### Instructions on how to test yourself using this book:

- Choose one of the answers given below, to see if you got it right; turn over to the provided answer sheet on page 9.

#### 1. When driving on the road you are not allowed to stop...

I) At any place where you will obstruct other coming traffic

II) Opposite another vehicle, where the road is 8m or 10m wide;

III) At any place where you would obscure a road traffic sign

A. II & III

B. I, II & III

C. I & III

#### 3. Before changing road lanes, which of the following must you do?

A. Give a signal that you want to change lanes

B. Slow down, indicate, then turn casually

C. Check for traffic in all 5 blind spot, signal and change lanes when it is safe to do so

#### 2. What is the speed limit on all national roads?

A. 100km/h

B. 120 km/h

C. 160 km/h

#### 4. Where is it allowed for you to stop your car?

A. 4m from a tunnel

B. 5m from a roadway crossing

C. 9m from a pedestrian crossing

**5. After obtaining your learners licence, it will only be valid for;**

- A. 12 months
- B. 18 months
- C. 16 months

**7. The following is not permitted on a freeway...**

- A. Crossing
- B. Jogging
- C. Riding a pedal cycle
- D. None of the above

**9. What are the rules of towing?**

- I. Not more than one passenger in the towed car
  - II. A tractor is allowed to pull a trailer carrying 10 passengers if travelling at 30 km/h
  - III. When towing a car on a freeway at 30km/h you may tow using a tow rope
- A) I & II
  - B) III & I
  - C) II & III

**6. A Learner driver may not...**

- A. Carry passengers
- B. Leave the engine running while the vehicle is unattended
- C. Drive on a freeway

**8. When you are driving which of the following, must you be able to do?**

- A. Wear shoes with rubber soles
- B. Have both hands on the steering wheel
- C. Able to see clearly the road and traffic ahead of you.

**10. You are towing a car and that car has defective brakes, what must you do?**

- A. Tow the car with a tow-bar;
- B. Using a rope of shorter than 3.5m
- C. Not carrying more than 3 passengers

**11. What km/h a driver cannot exceed, when towing a car with a tow rope**

- A. 80
- B. 30
- C. 20

**13. When can a driver switch on the headlights?**

- D) Only at sunset
  - ii) If road users and vehicles not visible within 150m from the driver
  - iii) When the sun goes down until it rises
  - iv) In rain or mist and the driver cannot see 80m in front
- A. ii, iii and iv
  - B. ii and iv
  - C. i, ii, iii, iv

**12. By law you will not be allowed to get a learners licence if you:**

- A. You were once declared unfit to have a licence for a certain period, and that period is not yet over
- B. You have a broken leg
- C. If you already have a car

**14. When can a driver park on a sidewalk or pavement?**

- A. When you have stopped at a gate, waiting for it to open
- B. When you see other cars parking
- C. When taking a rest from driving many hours

**15. The legal speed you are allowed to drive is ...**

- A. 100km/h on urban roads
- B. Shown by road signs alongside the roadway
- C. Can be decided by you

**17. Which car has the right of way at a traffic circle?**

- I) The one already in the circle;
  - II) The car that's approaching the circle
  - III) The one that is first at the stop line
- A. II & III
  - B. I
  - C. I & III
  - D. All of the above

**19. The only time a driver is allowed to stop on a freeway, is ...**

- A. When you want to have a smoke break
- B. To obey a road sign
- C. When you are tired of driving

**16. Which of the following is considered to be an offence?**

- A. Parking within 4m from an intersection
- B. Parking within 4m from the outside edge of a roadway
- C. Parking within 4m from a robot in a parking bay

**18. An emergency vehicle sounding a siren, is approaching, you must ...**

- A. Speed your car, so it will not catch you up
- B. Give immediate right of way
- C. Warn other traffic by flashing your headlights

**20. How close from a tunnel or subway are you allowed to stop?**

- A. Not closer than 3.5 m
- B. Not closer than 5m
- C. Not closer than 6m

**21. Towing a car. The permitted distance between the two cars must...**

- A. Must not be more than 3m
- B. Must not be more than 4m
- C. Must not be more than 3.5m

**23. A driver can enter a public road when...**

- A. Indicating on time and just enter
- B. The road is clear of traffic and you can see that you can enter without obstructing other coming cars
- C. There is traffic but its moving slowly

**25. Any occurring road accident must be reported within...**

- A. 24 hours
- B. 36 hours
- C. 48 hours

**22. When is it not allowed for you to enter an intersection?**

- A. If your car will block the traffic
- B. When you see that you will have to stop the car halfway across the intersection
- C. When the robot is red
- D. All of the above

**24. In what situation as a driver are you allowed to drive on the right hand side of a two-way road?**

- A. When a police officer or traffic cop orders you to do so
- B. Under no circumstances
- C. Only if you have your emergency lights on

**26. Basic rules about your hotter...**

- A. It must be heard for at least 90m
- B. It must sound like an emergency siren
- C. The tone or pitch of the sound must not change

**27. When approaching the robot and the red light is flashing, what must you do?**

- A. Watch out for a police roadblock.
- B. Treat it as a four way stop sign, stop and when its safe proceed only
- C. Stop and wait until the light turns green

**29. If you will be turning to the right or left hand side, you must...**

- A. Observe at all the five blind spots, indicate on time, bring your gear to low and make sure its safe and then turn
- B. Slow down and turn only when its safe to
- C. Indicate and then turn

**31. In an urban area how long can you leave your car parked in one place next to a public road?**

- A 24 hours
- B 5 days
- C. 48 hors
- D. 7 days

**28. In a case where you want to turn to the left side, you must ...**

- A. Move to the right and then turn left casually
- B. Slow down first, indicate, and then turn
- C. Indicate on time, then turn when safe to do so

**30. When another car wants to overtake you, you must ...**

- A. Keep as far left as it is safe
- B. Show by means of hand signals that it is clear for him to overtake
- C. Accelerate your car

**32. You are approaching a four way stop, you must...**

- A. If there is no coming traffic, keep moving
- B. Stop behind another car and drive off together with it
- C. Stop regardless of whether there is other traffic or not, and only proceed when its safe to do so

**33. In what driving situation may you pass another car on the left hand side?**

I. When a car is turning right at a corner & it is safe to do so without driving on the shoulder of the road

II. Driving on a road with two or more lanes going in the same direction

III. When the car in front of you is moving slowly

A. I & III

B. I & II

C. I, II & III

**35. It is considered safe for the driver to...**

A. Allow the passenger to ride on the bumper of a car

B. Not attend the car while the engine is running

C. Use hand signals on a freeway in a emergency

**34. It's safe to let the engine car run when filling up petrol?**

A. True

B. False

**36. The traffic light is red and the green arrow flashes to the right, what does it mean?**

A. All traffic must turn right

B. If you want to turn right you may proceed.

C. Pedestrians are allowed to cross

**37. Maximum speed on the freeway is...**

- A. 120km/h
- B. 180km/h
- C. 140km/h

**39. When must seatbelts be put on?**

- A. When approaching a traffic officer
- B. When driving at all times
- C. When going for long road distances only

**41. When a driver is transporting goods, the goods must...**

- A. Not touch the road surface
- B. Not obscure the drivers view of the road
- C. Not stick out more than 1.8m at the rear
- D. All of the above

**38. The minimum depth of tread allowed on tyres is...**

- A. 0.75mm
- B. 1 mm
- C. 1.25

**40. The driver is the only one who MUST have his seatbelt on and the passengers may and may not...**

- A. True
- B. False

**42. Any car will be taken away if left...**

- A. For more than 24hrs in the same place next to a public road in a rural area
- B. For 5 days in the same place next to a public road in a urban area
- C. All of above

**43. The safest following distance at all speeds is ...**

- A. 5 seconds
- B. 2 seconds
- C. 3 seconds

**45. The last thing you would do just before turning your car to another lane is ...**

- A. Turn on your indicator
- B. Check your blind spot
- C. Look in your rear view mirror

**44. When are you permitted to drive with only your park lights on?**

- A. At night
- B. When it is raining
- C. Not at all

**46. If an accident occurs, the first thing you must do is...**

- A. Stop the car immediately
- B. Ask for particulars of people involved
- C. If there is anyone badly injured move them aside, away from the scene

**47. You can change a flat tyre on freeway**

- A. True
- B. False

**49. The most important rule when driving on South Africa's roads is ...**

- A. Never pick up a stranger
- B. Do not exceed the road speed limit
- C. Keep left and pass right

**48. What is the general speed limit in a town or city is, if not indicated by road signs**

- A. 60 km/h
- B. 100 km/h
- C. 30 km/h

**50. The only time as a learner licence holder you can drive a car is when ...**

- A. You are driving with a person who has a valid drivers licence of the same code as you
- B. Driving on a freeway
- C. Going to work

**51. To apply for a learners licence you need to be ...**

- A. 18 years
- B. 21 years
- C. 16 years

**53. If you want to stop next a pedestrian crossing, how close can you**

- A. Not within 9m of the coming side
- B. Not within 400 mm of the coming side
- C. Not within 5m of the coming side.

**55. A car following distance is safe if the car in front suddenly stops and the driver is able to...**

- A. Swerve and stop
- B. Swerve and stop in front of it
- C. Stop without swerving

**52. The following are regarded as a no parking area, except...**

- A. Where the road surface is less than 5.5 m wide
- B. Within 10m of an intersection
- C. Within 1 m of a fire hydrant

**54. In what driving situation is it allowed for a person's body to stick out from the car?**

- A. Never
- B. Only when giving hand signals
- C. When greeting someone across the road

**56. You may only use your parking lights on a public road only if...**

- A. You are 15 m of a street lamp
- B. You are parked in a street that doesn't have parking lines and not bright enough
- C. You are 10m of a street lamp

**57. A cars dim lights should not shine for more than ...**

- A. 50m
- B. 40m
- C. 45m

**59. When an urgent stop is required it takes longer on a wet road than a dry road to stop ...**

- A. True
- B. False

**58. By law you are not allowed to overtake a car ...**

- A. In a tunnel
- B. On a curve
- C. In misty conditions where you cant see clearly
- D. All of the above

**60. The safest driving tip is ...**

- A. When driving on a long distance take a break and have a rest
- B. Your hands should never let go of the steering wheel
- C. Always have a passenger with you