

## CUSTOMER GUIDE: Preparing for your Driving Test

### Basic Vehicle Control Skills Test

Your basic control skills test will be performed off-street. It will consist of the following exercises:

- 1) Forward Two-point Turnabout, and
- 2) Reverse Two-point Turnabout, and
- 3) Three-point Turnabout, and
- 4) Right-side Parallel Park

These exercises are shown on the following pages.

With a parent/guardian or friend, who is properly licensed and over the age of 21, practice these exercises in a safe area, such as a parking lot or residential area until you can correctly complete them. Try practicing the exercises in a variety of vehicles and locations.

### Instructions

The examiner will give you detailed instructions for completing the test exercises and you will be given the opportunity to ask questions prior to starting each skill. Questions may not be asked during the maneuver.

At test time, when you are done with each skill, you will be asked to place the vehicle in into park, set parking brake and sound horn. This means you have finished the skill.

### Scoring

**Reversal** – A reversal is when you stop and change direction to get a better position. Each exercise will require you to change your direction twice (2 times) to complete it correctly. You will not receive points for the first two reversals. Each time you reverse direction it is counted as an error. Stopping without changing direction does not count as a reversal.

**Encroachments** – Touching or crossing over an exercise boundary line or cone with any part of your vehicle, other than the vehicle's mirrors is considered an encroachment. Each encroachment will count as an error.

**Turn Signals** – When performing an exercise you must use the correct turn signal to indicate the direction that you are turning. Each time you fail to use or improperly use your turn signal it will count as an error. If your turn signal cancels automatically make sure to reactivate it when necessary.

**Traffic Check(s)** – When performing an exercise it is important to check traffic prior to entering or exiting a roadway. You must make sure that it is safe to perform the exercise and that the roadway is clear in both directions before entering back into traffic or leaving the exercise area. You should turn your head to check traffic to the sides and rear and to check side and rearview mirrors. If you are testing in a car that has back-up or side-view cameras, you will have to check those too. You will be scored if you do not use traffic checks during the exercises.

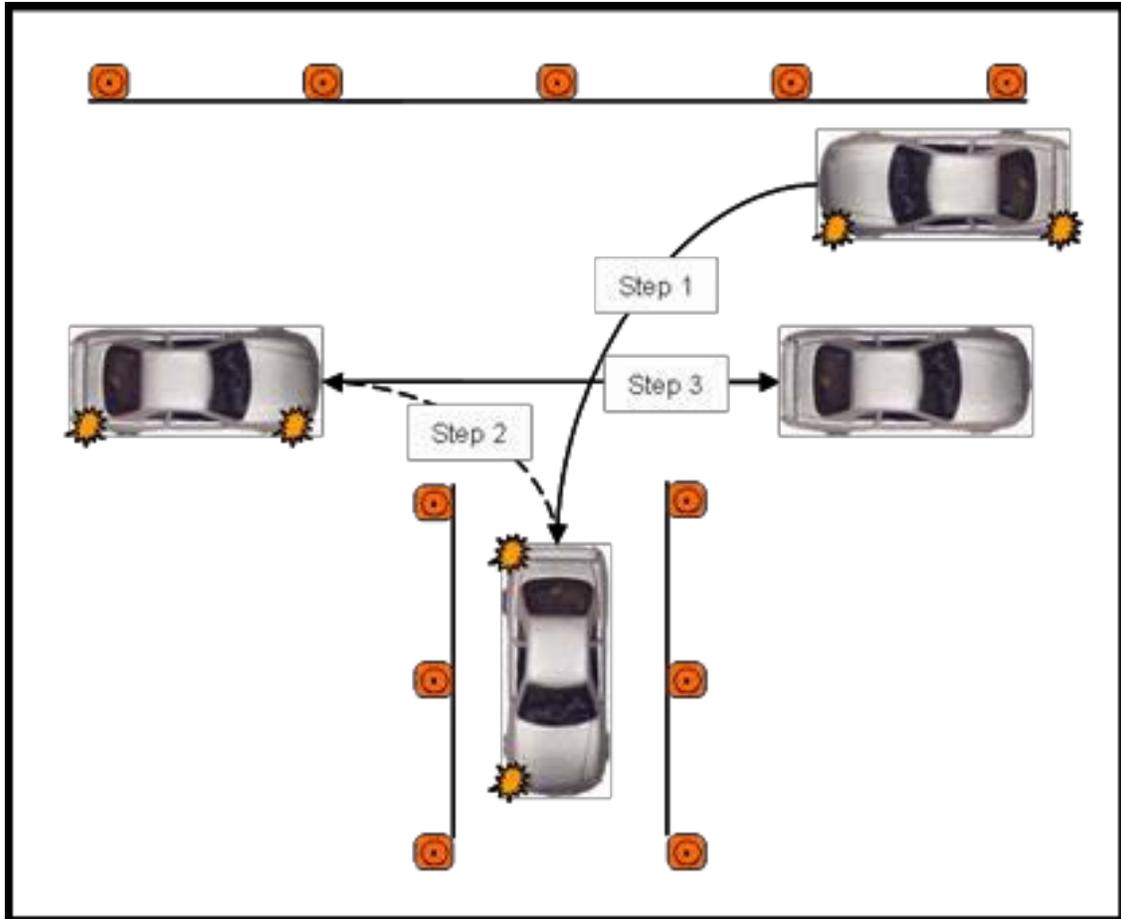
**Right-Side Parallel Parking** – You are required to complete the right-side parallel parking exercise. Your vehicle must be completely in the parking space and both of the vehicle's tires need to be within 12" from the curb. If your vehicle is not within the 12" from the curb when you have finished the exercise, it will be counted as an error.

**Final Position /Completed Exercise**– It is important that you finish each exercise exactly as the examiner has instructed you. If you cannot complete an exercise; or do not maneuver the vehicle into its final position as described by the examiner, points will be added to your score.

## Exercises

**Forward Two-point Turnabout** – You will be asked to pull forward into an off-street area marked by traffic cones and/or lines).

This exercise demonstrates your ability to execute a two-point turnabout and to utilize a street, alley or driveway to reverse the direction you are traveling on a two-lane road. Basic skills needed for this exercise consist of visual skills, judgment of space, use of mirrors and turn signals, steering, braking and acceleration control, etc.



**(Step 1)** turn on the left turn signal and pull forward into the alley or driveway (marked by cones) until the back end of the vehicle passes the front set of cones and the vehicle is not out in the "roadway".

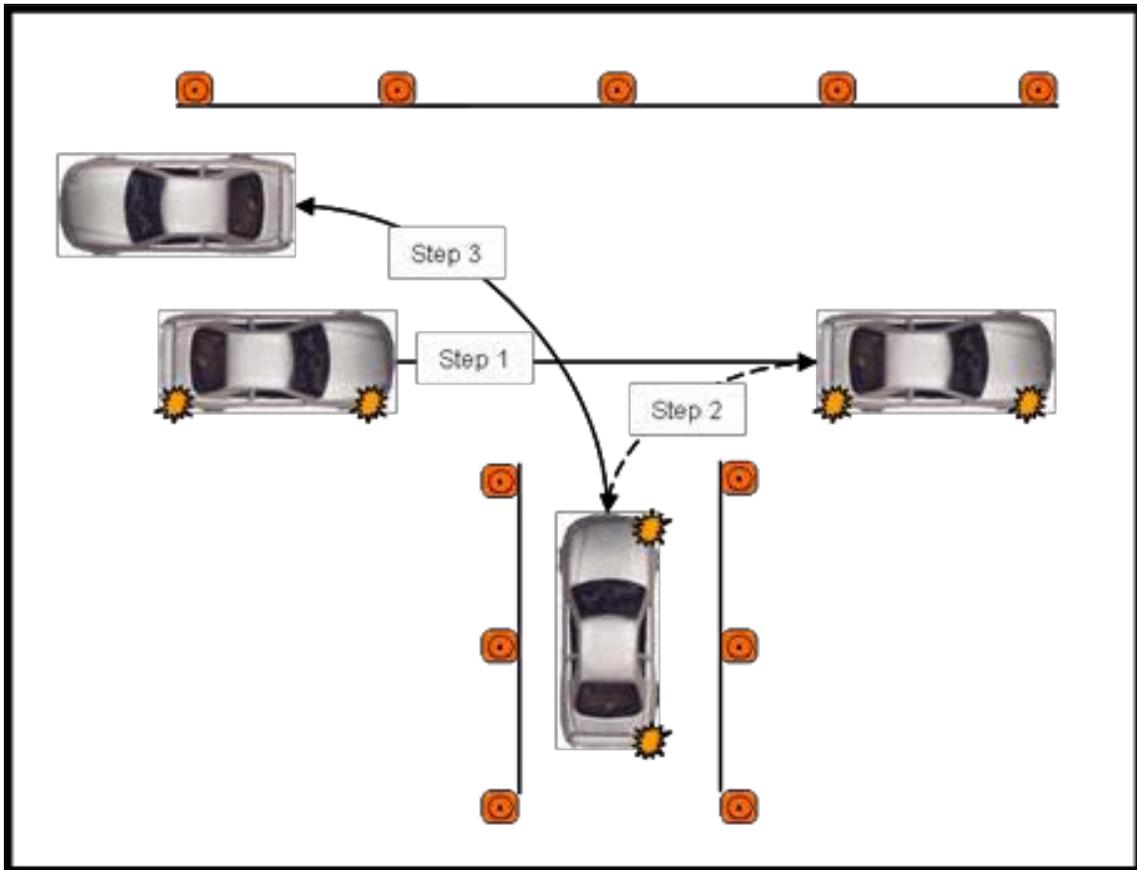
**(Step 2)** turn on the right turn signal, check traffic and back the vehicle to the right into the street area.

**(Step 3)** drive forward out of the exercise area (returning to the area where you started).

**(Step 4)** place vehicle in park, set parking brake and sound horn.

**Reverse Two-point Turnabout** – You will be asked to drive past the entrance in an off-street area marked by traffic cones and/or lines).

This exercise demonstrates your ability to execute a reverse two-point turnabout and to utilize a street, alley or driveway to reverse the direction you are traveling on a two-lane road. Basic skills needed for this exercise consist of backing skills, visual skills, judgment of space, use of mirrors and turn signals, steering, braking and acceleration control, etc.



**(Step 1)** turn on the right turn signal, and drive past the alley or driveway.

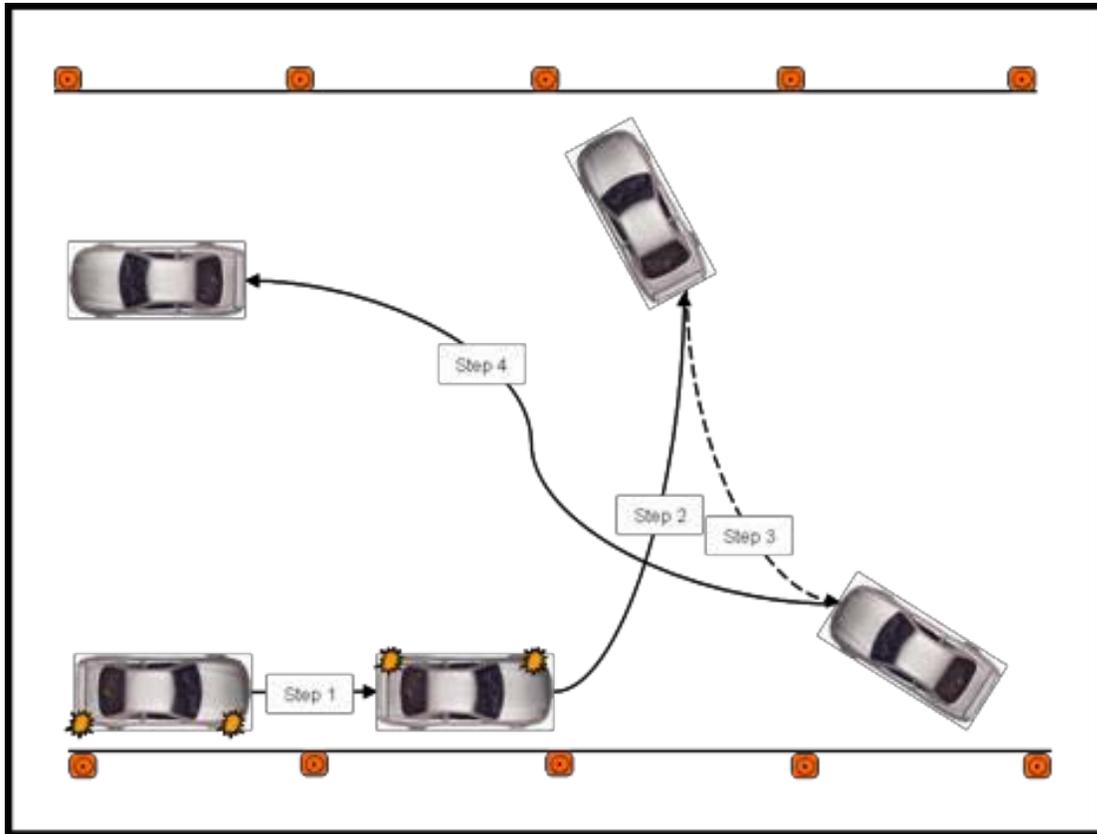
**(Step 2)** check traffic and back right into the alley or driveway until the front end of the vehicle passes the front set of cones and the vehicle is not out in the roadway.

**(Step 3)** turn on the left turn signal, check traffic and drive the vehicle out of the exercise area (returning to the area where you started).

**(Step 4)** place vehicle in park, set parking brake, sound horn.

**Three-point Turnabout** – You will be asked to drive forward into a three-point turnabout area (marked by traffic cones and/or lines) and execute a three-point turnabout. This area represents a two lane road.

This exercise demonstrates your ability to execute a three-point turnabout and to utilize a street to reverse the direction you are traveling on a two-lane road. Basic skills needed for this exercise consist of backing skills, visual skills, judgment of space, use of mirrors and turn signals, steering, braking and acceleration control, etc.



**(Step 1)** turn on the right turn signal and pull forward to the right side of the three-point turnabout area and come to a stop.

**(Step 2)** turn on the left turn signal, check traffic and pull forward while turning hard left to the other side of the area.

**(Step 3)** place the vehicle in reverse, check traffic and back the vehicle while turning hard right to the other side of the area.

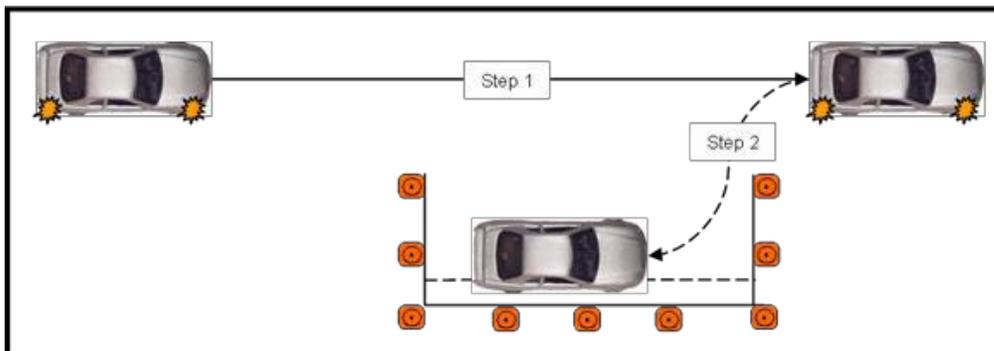
**(Step 4)** place the vehicle in drive and exit the three-point turnabout area.

**(Step 5)** place vehicle in park, set parking brake and sound horn.

**Right-side Parallel Park** - You will be asked to park in a parallel parking space that is on your right side. You are to drive past the parking space and back into it. You must get the vehicle completely within the parking space. Try to bring the vehicle within 12 inches of the curb side of the space without crossing side or rear boundaries marked by lines or cones.

This exercise demonstrates your ability to parallel park a vehicle. This is an essential skill for parking. A parallel park is one of the best indicators that you have the basic skills necessary to safely operate a motor vehicle. Basic skills needed for this exercise consist of visual skills, judgment of space, use of mirrors and turn signals, steering, braking and acceleration control, etc.

### Right-side Parallel Park



**(Step 1)** turn on the correct turn signal, drive past the parking space and back the vehicle until it is completely within the parking space. You must get the vehicle within 12 inches of the curb.

**(Step 2)** once in the stall and you are satisfied with your vehicle's position, sound horn.

**(Step 3)** When examiner directs to leave stall, turn on the correct turn signal, check traffic and exit the parking space. Stopping about 30 feet ahead of stall. Place vehicle in park, set parking brake and sound horn.