Are you aware of what’s going on around you?
You must watch for other traffic and react accordingly. Look out for pedestrians, traffic signals and signs, bicycles, and anything else which might affect your driving.

Do you have control of the car?
Other drivers should not have to swerve or stop suddenly because of your mistakes. Drive defensively, watch for other drivers, and know the right-of-way laws listed in the Oregon Driver Manual.

How’s your speed?
You should drive at about the same speed as other traffic but not go above the speed limit.

Do you signal properly?
You must signal for all turns and lane changes. Practice so that signaling becomes just another good driving habit.

Do you make proper lane changes?
You must know when and how to complete a lane change safely, smoothly and easily. The examiner won’t tell you when to change lanes to prepare for a turn. Remember to check your vehicle’s left or right rear blind spot by turning your head before changing lanes.

Can you turn?
You must be in the correct lane and driving at the proper speed for every turn. You need to know the laws about turning from and onto one-way streets and turns on red lights.

Unexpected obstacles
Watch for pedestrians, cars pulling out and into traffic, bicycles, and other traffic. Drive defensively and be ready to react to unexpected situations.

Controlled intersections
These intersections have “stop” or “yield” signs, flashing red or yellow lights, or a full red-yellow-green signal.

Uncontrolled intersections
These intersections don’t have signs, so you must use your judgment on who yields or stops. Be a defensive driver and prepare to yield as necessary.

Yielding
Know when to slow down and yield, when to come to a full stop and the right-of-way laws. Also know how to merge and yield when entering a freeway. Know special laws about pedestrians.

ARE YOU READY?
The key to passing your drive test is being prepared. Study the Oregon Driver Manual and, above all, practice, practice, practice. You should be comfortable driving on residential streets as well as in city traffic. If you know the rules of the road and use them when you drive, you will develop good driving habits that will help you on your test.

GET SET....
Call your local DMV office to make an appointment. You can locate the DMV office nearest to you online at www.oregondmv.com. You should call at least two to three weeks before you want to take your test. Eligible customers now have the choice to take drive tests through a certified third party drive tester. Please visit http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/ClassCTestingBusiness.aspx for more information. Have all your documents signed and ready before you go to DMV. Check the equipment on the vehicle you will be using.

GO!!!
You might be a little nervous when it comes time for the test. Most people are. If you remember the driving tips in this fact sheet and the Oregon Driver Manual and have practiced, you have a good chance of passing on the first try. Drive safely and good luck!
The Oregon Parent Guide to Teen Driving is available from DMV to help your parent or legal guardian prepare you for your drive test. It has a Practice Driving Log to help you keep track of your supervised driving hours.

If you have not already taken it, you will need to take the Safe Driving Practices knowledge test before you can get your license.

First we check the vehicle equipment

Your test will take approximately 20 minutes. Your vehicle must be in good working order for the test. If your vehicle does not pass the equipment checks your test will be canceled and you will have to reschedule. Check your vehicle’s safety equipment before you come to DMV.

Here is the safety equipment the examiner will check:

- Headlights
- Brake lights
- Fenders
- Rearview mirror
- Turn signal lights
- Seatbelts
- Muffler
- Foot brake (or hand brake as needed)
- Horn
- Tires
- Valid license plates on front and back of vehicle

Next we test your driving skills

The behind-the-wheel test measures the skills required for safe driving. The examiner will not ask you to do anything illegal or try to trick you in any way.

Do you know the meaning of signs and traffic signals?

You must know the meanings of and obey different signs, traffic signals, and pavement markings you see when driving.

Can you back up?

The examiner will ask you to back up. You should turn your head to see behind and beside you and to check your position and the position of other cars near you. Do not use your mirrors except for an occasional glance. You should be able to back up on the first try.