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THEORY AND HAZARD PERCEPTION TRAINING

The purpose of the theory test is to unite road users to the rules of the Highway Code and provide a thorough grounding for anyone driving in Great Britain. The test was first introduced in 1996 and has been a major step to improving road safety and awareness.

The computer-based test is in two parts, both of which have to be passed on the same day. The first (Theory test) is a 50 question multiple-choice test on the rules of the road and best driving practice. The second (Hazard Perception Test) comprises of a series of film clips shown from a driver's point of view. Each clip contains one or more developing hazard, which the candidate responds to by clicking the mouse key.

As both parts of the test require knowledge and experience of driving on the road, candidates are unlikely to pass the test without any practice or revision. There are several ways FREEWAY can help with this.

All our instructors are up to date with the latest theory test. (We had to take an even harder version ourselves to qualify.) We carry on board a supply of the latest revision material (books, cd's, dvd's) and discuss which would best suit the needs of the individual.

During the early lessons, pupils are given a sheet of multiple-choice questions relevant to the practical lesson they have just received, to work on at home. This has a dual benefit of encouraging revision as well as endorsing learning from the lesson. The instructor will mark the questions on the next lesson. During all lessons the instructor will ask relevant questions wherever appropriate to further develop understanding.

Sometimes, pupils opt to exchange or lengthen their usual practical lesson to a theory lesson. This can be carried out in the car (instructors have lap-tops) or in the comfort of your own home.

Theory Master Classes are offered to pupils who may wish to learn in a small group environment. This is much more interactive and covers a variety of topics. Master classes take place at Freeway's address in Wraysbury near Staines.