

Lewes Knowledge test Guidance document

Any driver applying to Lewes District Council for a new Dual Driver Licence must sit and pass a knowledge test, to help demonstrate that they possess a basic understanding of the Highway Code, taxi/private hire legislation, Council policy, as well as knowledge of the local area, Numeracy, safeguarding and disability awareness.

From the 1st April 2023, the Knowledge test will be adapted and changed following feedback with the Lewes District taxi and private hire trade.

The knowledge test includes questions on locations of places of interest, policy and law, Highway Code, road signs, numeracy, safeguarding, and disability awareness.

Applicants are limited to three attempts at the test per application and the test must be passed within six months of receipt their application. If they fail the tests, their application will be rejected, and they must wait for at least six months before reapplying.

Any person found cheating will be disqualified from the test and will not be granted a licence for at least three years.

Applicants are required to provide photographic identification on the day of the test in form of their driver licence, and if they fail to provide photographic ID their test will be cancelled. The cost of the first knowledge test is included in the application fee. Each subsequent test is paid for at the time of booking and the fee is non-refundable.

This is a COMPUTERISED MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST. Every question will have one correct answer from a choice of four. You will sit on a webcam session with an examiner. You will be able to see all questions and answers on screen and the examiner will read the question and potential answers to you. You will tell the examiner which option you wish to select, and the Examiner will click on that answer. The questions are randomly selected for each section of the test.

Please fully read this guide to ensure that you give yourself every opportunity to pass the test. You will be contacted to book your Knowledge test after passing your English language test and receipt of your DBS certificate.

The Examiner will run through a 'demo' question with you prior to the undertaking of the official knowledge test

As all applicants are Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers, there is one test that all applicants sit.

The Knowledge test is divided into 8 sections, with 60 Questions in total:

Subject	Number of Questions	Pass Mark
Routes	16	12
(Newhaven Routes)	(4)	
(Seaford routes)	(4)	
(Peacehaven routes)	(4)	
(Lewes routes)	(4)	
Places	12	10
Road Signs*	4	7
Highway Code*	4	
Numeracy	5	4
Conditions	9	7
Disability	5	4
Safeguarding	5	4
TOTAL	60	48

*Road Signs and Highway code are classed as 1 section and so the pass mark is 7 marks out of 8 questions (4 Highway code and 4 Road signs)

**Questions on Disability and safeguarding awareness will be related to your Bluelamp trust training that you have previously undertaken.

Time allowed- 70 minutes

KNOWLEDGE TEST RULES

1. Please ensure that you are prepared to take the test no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. To ensure that your camera, microphone, and computer device are functioning. Please be aware that anyone who is late will not be able to sit the test.
2. You will be required to present your DVLA driving licence to the examiner. Please ensure that you have your DVLA driving licence ready and available to see on request.
3. Prior to the Knowledge test being undertaken you will be required to show the examiner the room and your surroundings to ensure there is no Cheating
4. You are not allowed to leave the room during the test. Leaving the room will terminate the test and the test will be classed as VOID
5. Any person caught or suspected of cheating will be automatically disqualified from the test and this may result in your application being invalidated and returned to you

Knowledge Test – Pass

If you pass the test, then your application will be moved onto the next stage

The questions on subsequent tests will not necessarily be the same as those previously attempted.

Re-Test fee- £50

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Section Details-

Section 1- Routes

You will be asked to confirm questions related to routes of travel in the Lewes, Newhaven, Seaford and Peacehaven area. You will be presented with 4 possible answers of which you must choose one. You will be asked to identify the most effective route from one place of interest to another and you will be asked to identify the road names that join main roads & Roundabouts in the areas listed above.

Example Question:

In Peacehaven the road (Road name) runs off

Section 2- Places

You will be asked a series of questions based on places of interest within the Lewes District

You will be asked the road name of which a place of interest is located on. Places of interest include Places of Worship, Licensed venues, Industrial estates and popular tourist destinations.

Example Question:

In Lewes which road is (Place of interest) located on?

Section 3- Road Sign

You will be presented with a series of pictures of road signs and asked to identify what it means. There will also be questions on road markings and their meaning. It is strongly recommended that you purchase a current copy of 'The Highway Code' to be able to learn this information. **This information can also be found online [here](#)**

Example Question:

What does this sign mean?



Section 4- Highway Code

You will be presented with a series of questions based on the Highway Code. It is strongly recommended that you purchase a current copy of 'The Highway Code' to be able to learn this information. **This information can also be found online [here](#)**

There will be questions on:

- Speed Limits on different types of roads
- Stopping distances
- Seatbelt regulations
- What to do in an emergency
- Tyres and vehicle maintenance

Section 6- Numeracy

You will be asked questions related to counting and basic numeracy

Example Question:

If a customer hands you a £20 note for a journey costing £7.20, How much change would you give them?

Section 7- Conditions

You will be asked multiple questions on Lewes District Council taxi and private hire conditions of Licence. These can be found in the [Lewes District Council Taxi and Private Hire Guidance](#):

Example question:

Which one of these is NOT a Condition of Licence?

- 1) The Driver must not display any visible body hair while carrying customers**
- 2) The driver shall be clean and tidy in appearance at all times and dressed smartly with long or short sleeved shirt or blouse and long trousers, tailored shorts or skirts. Suitable footwear for driving must be worn.**
- 3) The driver when hired to drive to a particular destination shall proceed to that destination by the shortest available route unless otherwise instructed by the hirer.**

Section 8- Disability

You will be asked questions relating to the BlueLamp Trust course that you will have undertaken previously. **The link to Bluelamp Trust can be found [here](#)**

Section 9- Safeguarding

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APPENDIX 1

Please make yourself familiar with the below and surrounding roads.

(Please note that this is not an exhaustive list)

Arundel Road	Newhaven Heights
Avis Way	Norman Road
Barn Road	Norton Road
Belgrave Road	Oaklands Avenue
Brookes Road	Old Mallings Way
Chapel Street	Orchard Road
Cinque Foil	Priory Street
Claremont Road	Railway Road
Cockshut Road	Rectory Road
Court Farm Road	Robinson Road
Cranedown	Rookery Way
Dane Road	Roundhouse Crescent
De Montfort Road	Saltwood Road
Eastgate Street	Sandore Road
Evelyn Avenue	Sherwood Road
Ferrers Road	South Road
Grove Road	St Johns Street
Hanson Road	Station Road
Hartfield Road	Sutton Avenue
Hillside	Sutton Drove
Jay Road	The Bricky
Kedale Road	The Peacehaven Highway
Lexden Road	Thompson Road
Lynwood Road	Valley Drive
Mercread Road	Western Road
Meridian Way	
Morris Road	
Mount Harry Road	
Neville Road	
Newfield Road	

APPENDIX 2

*Please familiarise yourself with the below places of Interest
(Please note that this is not an exhaustive list)*

Anne Of Cleaves House	The Hampden Arms
Black Horse Inn	The Hope Inn
Brewers Arms	The John Harvey Tavern
Burger And Bird	The Jolly Boatman
Dewdrop Inn	The Kings Head
Downs Leisure Centre	The Kings Head
East Brighton Masonic Centre	The Lamb
Entley Wildfowl And Motor Museum	The Newmarket Inn
Glunde Place	The Old Boot Inn
Good Companions	The Old Plough
Lansdown Arms	The Pelham Arms
Lewes Arms	The Prince Of Wales
Lewes Castle	The Rights Of Man
Lewes Crown Court	The Royal Oak
Meridian Centre	The Seven Sisters
Morrisons Supermarket	The Ship
Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club	The Shore
Newhaven Fort	The Smugglers Rest
Newhaven Post Office	The Snowdrop
Newhaven Town Council Offices	The Swan Inn
Paradise Park	The Tally Ho
Peacehaven Golf Club	The Telscombe Tavern
Peacehaven Leisure Centre	The Town Hall
Premier Inn	The Volunteer
Royal Sussex County Hospital	The Wellington
Sainsburys Supermarket	The White Hart
Seaford Museum	The White Hart Hotel
Seaford Police Station	The White Lion Hotel
Shelby House	Victoria Hospital
Stonehouse Pizza & Carvery	Waitrose Supermarket
Telcombe Hall	
Telscombe Civic Centre	
Tesco Supermarket	
The ARK	
The Cinque Ports	
The Crown Sports Bar	
The Cuckmere Inn	
The Dorset Arms	
The Drove	
The Elephant And Castle	
The Engineer	
The Flying Fish	
The Gardeners Arms	
The Green Man	