

Procedures for urgent driving test 2020

Considering the current circumstances, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we feel the necessity to point out certain measures on issues that will practically enable the smooth operation of theoretical and practical exams before we get back to normality.

In this respect we propose the following table with the measures that should be applied in order to protect the driving licence applicants, examiners and the driving instructors.

Potential needed measures in connection with COVID-19 can be roughly subdivided into three categories:

- a) distance measures: these include measures that make the person-to-person transmission unlikely simply by ensuring a distance between people;
- b) hygienic measures: these include measures that counteract a specific infection or spread of viruses through physical or disinfectant prevention;
- c) Raising awareness of the problem and information measures: These include measures to raise awareness and understanding among subjects and examiners and to impart acceptance and the necessary knowledge about changed procedures.

The following overview provide a proposal of possible measures and the measures that are suitable on site should be selected and implemented as needed by those responsible for the respective technical test centre - based on the prevailing framework conditions.

It might be useful to differentiate for individual fields of action according to:

- a) before the test;
- b) during the test;
- c) after the test.

These considerations can be illustrated as depicted in Figure 1

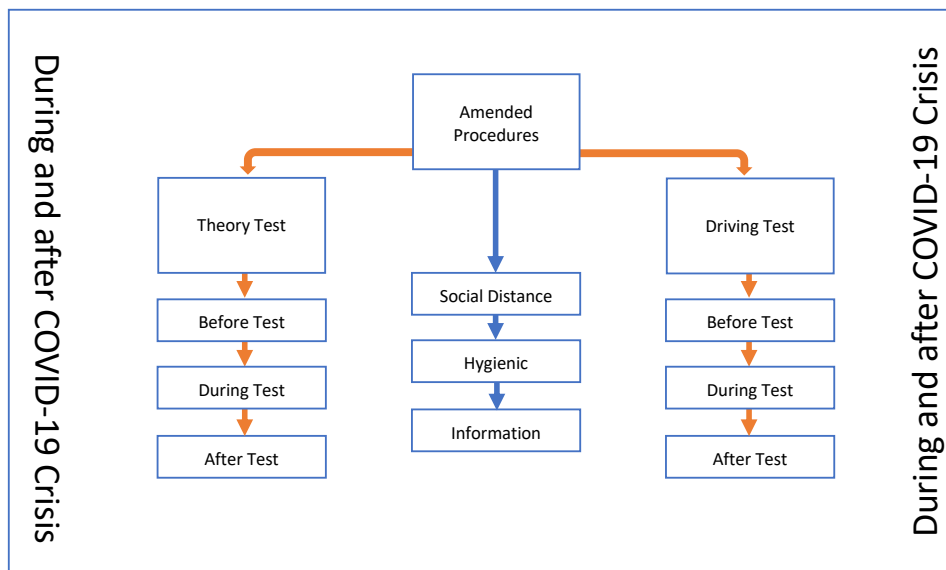


Figure 01: Amended Procedures during and after the COVID-19 Crisis

Specific measures in relation to the theoretical test

| | Social distance | Hygienic | Information |
|---|--|---|---|
| Before test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maintain a minimum distance of approx. 1.5 m (markings on floors in the waiting area and in the exam room) -The applicants should not be accompanied | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provision of disinfection dispensers in the entrance area -Use of disposable headphones for the audio exam (if required) -Adherence to the current recommendations of the authorities is a prerequisite for the conduct of the exam for all participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Put up notices/placards on special behaviours/processes clearly visible (e.g. keep your distance, no handshakes; hygiene rules etc.) -Information to driving school that applicants should only be presented symptom-free |
| During test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maintain a minimum distance of approx. 1.5 m for all -Feedback to the applicants not at the examiner's PC instead sending to the applicant's PC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No handshakes -Protective measures for the examiner should be taken when checking the ID and verification documents -Obligation of wearing masks and disposable gloves for all candidates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Notice on instructions to follow to leave the exam room safely |
| After test (communication of the result) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maintain a minimum distance of approx. 1.5 m (markings on floors in the waiting area and in the exam room) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Disinfection of the operating devices or surfaces (keyboard, mouse, display) after each test -For the necessary air ventilation of the exam room and any necessary cleaning or disinfection measures, appropriate time periods are planned between the theory tests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Check that the behaviour warnings have not been damaged and are readable by future users |

Specific measures in relation to the practical test

| | Social distance | Hygienic | Information |
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| Before test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Driving schools are requested to inform / instruct the applicants accordingly -The applicants should not be accompanied | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Only sites where the availability / use of suitable sanitary facilities is ensured can be selected as exam starting point -Provision of disinfectants for examiner (to use after leaving the vehicle) -Adherence to the current recommendations of the authorities is a prerequisite for the conduct of the exam for all participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Inform driving schools that candidates and instructors must be symptom-free and all occupants must have mandatory protective masks (plus a spare) -Self-declaration of not having been in contact with infected people at least in the 15 days preceding driving exam |
| During test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep a minimum distance of approx. 1.5 m outside the examination vehicle -Check of needed requirements and candidates identity, technical preparation for driving, instruction and feedback on the practical exam have to be done outside the vehicle -When assessing two-wheeler exams, the examiner should also sit on the right back seat of the following car | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No handshakes -Protective measures for the examiner should be taken when checking the ID and verification documents -Obligation of wearing masks and disposable gloves for all vehicle occupants - Adequate ventilation in the exam vehicle must be guaranteed - if the exam is interrupted briefly, do so at a suitable point. The windows must be opened with the vehicle stationary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Verbal information on special behaviours / processes (e.g. no handshakes; keep distance, hygiene rules, etc.) |
| After test (communication of the result) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep a minimum distance of approx. 1.5 m outside the examination vehicle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Regular disinfection of the car interior and car exterior handles -Between driving exams, adequate ventilation of the vehicle must be ensured; any necessary cleaning or disinfection measures must be ensured by the driving school/applicant | |