



'KNOWLEDGE TEST'

The purpose of this test is to determine your knowledge of the Island and knowledge of the regulations governing taxi drivers.

THIS TEST IS REQUIRED BY:

First time applicants for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver Licence to drive a Ply for Hire taxi.

The test may also required for those applicants whose licence has expired for more than 12 months.

TO BOOK THE TEST:

Tests are taken at the office of the RTLC, Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St Johns, please contact the RTLC Office on 651564 to make an appointment to sit the test. The cost of the test is included in the licence application fee.

SITTING THE TEST:

The Knowledge Test is a written test and a maximum time of 75 minutes is allowed. Please contact the above office if a verbal test is required.

You will be asked to specify the District of the Island which you intend to work in, and the test questions will be weighted towards that District although all island knowledge will still be required.

You are permitted to sit three tests in any 12 month period. If you fail three tests, your application will be refused and you will not be permitted to sit another test until six months has elapsed, as well as having to submit a new application.

ABOUT THE TEST:

Sections 1 and 2 – Island Map/Map Reading

You will be asked 10 questions on towns/villages in the Island – you will be required to indicate the general area of where the town/village is situated on a blank map provided.

You will be asked two questions to indicate on a map provided the route that you would take between the points given. You will also be asked three questions to identify the Grid Reference for certain places.

Section 3 – Route Planning

You will be asked five questions in which you should name the shortest routes between two places on the Island.

e.g. from the Airport to Ramsey Bus Station - indicate the main route you would take – you must show that you know your way between these points, using landmarks, road names etc.

Section 4 – Places of Interest (all Island knowledge required)

You will be asked 20 questions to indicate where you would find various places of interest (pubs, hotels, museums, residential homes, schools, Nursery Schools, Doctor's Surgeries, places of interest etc.)

e.g. where is the Regency Hotel?

Section 5 – Conduct & Procedure

You will be asked 10 questions on the relevant rules and regulations which you would be expected to know and follow: Regulations, Code of Conduct, taxi tariff, vehicle safety, and the Highway Code.

e.g. on what occasions can Tariff 2 be used?

Section 6 – Housing Estates / Road Names (all Island knowledge required)

You will be asked 20 questions on Housing Estates and street names.

e.g. name two roads in the Lezayre Estate, Ramsey?
where is Clagh Vane?

Douglas

Willaston
Governors Hill
Abbeyfields
Pulrose
Anagh Coar
Ballaquark
Farmhill
Ballabrooie
Cronk Y Berry
Tromode Park

Onchan

Birch Hill
Ballachurry
Ashley Park
Lakeside Gardens
Ballachrink
Heywood Park

Ramsey

Ellan Park
Lezayre Park
Gladstone Park
Balleigh Park

Ballasalla

Clagh Vane
Abbotswood

Laxey area

Ard Reayrt
Baldrine Park
Ballacannell

Castletown

Janets Corner
Ballalough
School Hill Estate

Port Erin

Ponyfields
Milner Park
Ballamaddrell

Peel

Ballawattleworth
Ballagyr Park
Reayrt ny Keylley
Reayrt ny Cronk

Braddan

Cronk Grianagh
Ballanawin

Sulby

Carrick Park