

GUIDE TO THE PRIVATE HIRE KNOWLEDGE TEST

The Private Hire Knowledge Test is an important part of the licensing process for new drivers. The test helps applicants to be aware of the many private hire laws and conditions that must be adhered to when licensed to run a private hire service.

As private hire vehicles can only be booked in advance via the telephone or office, this allows drivers to research routes beforehand, therefore the Private Hire Knowledge Test does not contain detailed questions about the streets and buildings in the district. However, we do now ask 23 simple Place questions to ensure that drivers are familiar with the key buildings such as supermarkets, Council buildings, emergency service buildings etc.

The Private Hire Knowledge Test is split into three parts:

Part 1.	34 questions on Law and Conditions
Part 2.	30 questions on the Highway Code
Part 3.	23 questions on Places

Each knowledge test is randomly generated and will be different to any previous knowledge test taken.

The knowledge test is taken on a computer and is multiple choice. You will have one hour to complete the test.

The pass mark for this test is 80%. You will have 1 hour to complete the test.

The fee for the test is £73.30 (April 2025 – March 2026) and payment can be made by Debit Card over the phone when booking your test through Customer Services (01303 853660).

Part 1 - Law and Conditions

In this part of the test you will be asked questions about the laws and conditions regarding taxis at a national and local level. Folkestone and Hythe District Council licences vehicles and drivers by applying both law set by Parliament and conditions set locally by the Licensing Committee.

You will be expected to familiarise yourself with the Folkestone and Hythe Taxi Policy in order to pass this part of the test.

Download and read the Folkestone and Hythe Taxi Policy from our website: [My Ref: \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

An example question:

How do you know that your vehicle test is due?

- A) Reminder from Council
- B) Reminder from DVLA
- C) Reminder from Inland Revenue

The correct answer is A) Reminder from the Council

Part 2 - Highway Code

In this part you will answer questions about the Highway Code. The Highway Code provides drivers with knowledge of meanings, actions and information contained in road signs and road markings while driving on UK roads.

You will be expected to answer questions on all the aspects of the Highway Code in the UK.

What information does this sign display?



- A) No right turn
- B) No U-turns
- C) Dead-end road

The correct answer is B) No U-turns

Part 3 - Places

In this part of the test you will be asked 5 questions about the location of some key places in Folkestone and Hythe.

An example question:

Which road is Tesco Superstore on?

- A) Sandgate Road
- B) Cheriton High Street
- C) Dover Road

Correct answer - B) Cheriton High Street