

GUIDE TO THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE KNOWLEDGE TEST

The Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test is an important part of the licensing process for new drivers. The test provides the opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their knowledge of the roads, streets, nightspots, tourist attractions and taxi laws within the Folkestone and Hythe District.

As Hackney Carriage Vehicles can be hired immediately from taxi ranks or flagged down in the street it is essential that licensed drivers have an advanced knowledge of the Folkestone and Hythe District.

The Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test is split into seven parts:

Part 1 - 31 questions on Hackney Law and Conditions

Part 2 - 32 questions on the location of Roads/Streets

Part 3 - 20 questions on Places

Part 4 - 20 questions on the location of Pubs and Nightspots

Part 5 - 37 questions on location of Hotels & Clubs

Part 6 - 19 questions on Shortest Routes

Part 7 - 25 questions on the Highway Code

The questions to some parts of this test are included in the Folkestone and Hythe Taxi Policy. To answer other parts of this test you will be expected to gain knowledge of roads, streets and shortest route journeys in Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and the North Downs villages.

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 two and a half hours to complete the test.

The pass mark for this test is 80%. You will have 2 ½ hours 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: \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](http://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 - Location of Roads/Streets

You will be asked to detail the location of roads and streets in Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and the North Downs villages.

You will be expected to answer with the name of the connecting roads and streets to the one in question.

An example question:

Please select the road which joins North Road, Hythe

- A) Brockhill Road
- B) Corunna Close
- C) Hillcrest Road
- D) Hillcrest Street

The correct answer is C) Hillcrest Road

Part 3 . Places

In this part you will answer questions about places in Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and the North Downs villages. Places will include hospitals, tourist attractions, memorials, churches and schools.

You will be expected to answer the questions by choosing the correct name of the road that the place is located.

An example question:

Which is the correct location of Age UK Folkestone?

- A) Biggins Wood Road
- B) Shaftesbury Avenue
- C) Cheriton Road
- D) Risborough Lane

The correct answer is B) Shaftesbury Avenue

Part 4 . Hospitality

In this part you will answer questions about pubs and nightspots in Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and the North Downs villages. Pub and night spots will include restaurants, theatres, night clubs and bars.

You will be expected to answer the questions by giving the name of the road that the pub or nightspot is located.

An example question:

Please select the correct location of The Red Cow, Folkestone

- A) Broadmead Road
- B) Shorncliffe Road
- C) Foord Road North
- D) Bournemouth Road

The correct answer is C) Foord Road North

Part 5 - Hotels and Clubs

In this part you will answer questions about hotels and clubs in Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and the North Downs villages. Hotels and Clubs include working men's clubs, snooker clubs, small private hotels, large chain hotels and private member clubs.

You will be expected to answer the questions by giving the name of the road that the pub or nightspot is located.

An example question:

Please select the correct location of Wards Hotel

- A) Earls Avenue/Grimston Gardens
- B) Grimston Avenue
- C) Bouverie Road West
- D) Sandgate Road

The correct answer is A) Earls Avenue/Grimston Gardens

Part 6 - Shortest Routes

In this part you will answer questions about the shortest route to take between two locations. It is against the law to transport a passenger on any route but the shortest route unless a diversion is in place.

You will be expected to answer the questions by giving the name of the roads and streets you would use to transport a passenger between the two locations.

The routes will be based on locations in Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and the North Downs villages.

An example question:

Which is the shortest route between Hythe Taxi Rank to Harpswood Lane?

- A) Chapel Street - Bank Street - Rampart Road - Dymchurch Road/A259 - Scanlons Bridge Road/A261 - Barrack Hill - North Road - Bartholomew Lane - Harpswood Lane
- B) Chapel Street - Bank Street - High Street - Malthouse Hill - Bartholomew Street - Upper Malthouse Hill - Hillside Street - North Road - Bartholomew Lane - Harpswood Lane
- C) Chapel Street - Bank Street - Prospect Road - Station Road - Tanner's Hill - Tanner's Hill Gardens - Castle Road - Grange Road - Rectory Lane - Bartholomew Lane - Harpswood Lane

The correct answer is B) Chapel Street - Bank Street - High Street - Malthouse Hill - Bartholomew Street - Upper Malthouse Hill - Hillside Street - North Road - Bartholomew Lane - Harpswood Lane

Part 7 . 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.

An example question:

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