

New Authorised Examiner Regulator Assessment (Car)



The Regulator Assessment is a progressive assessment, commencing with the first component and only moving onto the next stage if the one prior was completed successfully. The DPTI Assessment Officer will automatically be booked to assess all components, so assessment can be continuous if you have passed each consecutive stage.

If you do not successfully complete all of the components of the assessment on the first or subsequent attempts, only those components that have **not** been successfully completed need to be reassessed. Costs apply for each assessment.

The Regulator Assessment must be conducted in a manual class 'C' vehicle (with seating for at least three (3) adults). It must be roadworthy and registered for the assessment to continue.

The Regulator Assessment is a test developed to assess a persons' competency as a Motor Driving Instructor. The Regulator Assessment includes:

Component 1 – Provide Quality Training

Prior to the drive assessment, competent demonstration of:

- Cabin Drill (Task 1) must be demonstrated. This is not a full training session, just showing your skills and knowledge and correctly running through each of the steps outlined in The Driving Companion.
- The Vehicle Inspection (on Page 11 of The Driving Companion) must be delivered as a full and detailed training session. The expectation is that steps/requirements and reasons for checking each component in the vehicle check are thoroughly explained. The Assessment Officer may ask questions or ask for another training technique to ensure you can tailor your training to different learning styles. The training session must include the following:
 - **Planning** the training session. E.g. appropriate training equipment and resources, suitable location and environment for training etc.
 - **Introduction** to the training session. E.g. Clear communication outlining learning outcomes, explanation of the reasons for learning the skill etc.
 - **Demonstration** of the requirements as specified in the relevant guide. Providing a thorough explanation of the steps/requirements and reasons for checking each component of the pre-departure check. Ability to tailor training to suit different learning styles and a thorough understanding of skills and knowledge required to perform the requested Task.
 - **Feedback**. E.g. recap key points and overview practice required etc.

If the required training standard for the vehicle inspection has not been achieved it cannot be reassessed, instead the Assessment Officer may request additional Tasks be delivered as a detailed training session. Up to three (3) extra Tasks may be selected from the list below, to ensure applicants have the required skills and knowledge to deliver quality training.

Task List from The Driving Companion			
5	Stop and go (using the handbrake)	24	Lane management in traffic
7	Steering (forward and reverse)	25	Turning in traffic
9	Moving off up hill	26	Managing traffic at roundabouts
17	Turning at corners		

Component 2 – Drive Assessment

Demonstrate a confident and competent drive to novice Competency Based Training and Assessment (CBT&A) standard.

- The drive component is based on the Task 30 drive, without the re-assessment component
- The drive must meet the Task 30 range statement as outlined in the Driving Companion and should be not less than 25 minutes in medium to heavy traffic, with one section in an 80km/h speed zone.
- During the drive assessment you must demonstrate 100% compliance with Australian Road Rules and 80% minimum compliance with low risk driving behaviours.
- If any breach of the Australian Road Rules occurs the drive assessment will be terminated.

Component 3 – Commentary

A commentary drive focuses on Task 23 (Safe Driving Strategies) in The Driving Companion.

A commentary drive is an advanced driving technique where you describe everything that you see which may affect how you drive, the actions you take to keep you safe and allow you to progress smoothly around hazards.

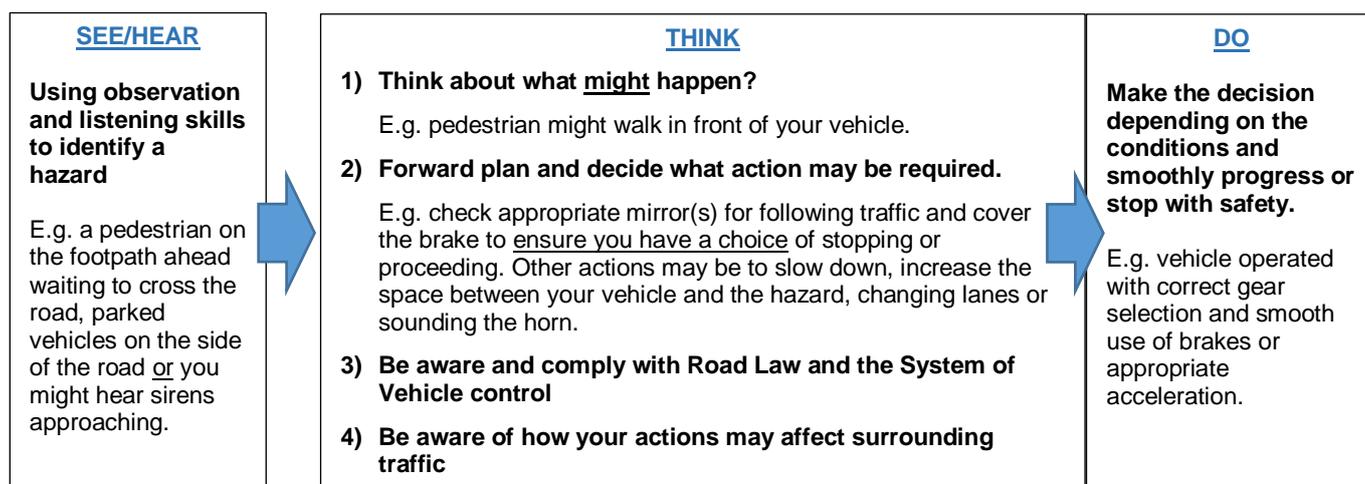
When delivering the commentary you are required to identify:

- Actual and potential hazards,
- Applicable road laws,
- Safe driving strategies, and
- Consequences of making poor choices during the drive.

Things you need to demonstrate during the commentary drive includes, but is not limited to:

- **Observation Skills:** regular use of your mirrors and checking road signage or lane markings to anticipate road conditions ahead. Looking well ahead for other road users that could move into your lane or enter from a side road and may prevent you from maintaining your current speed. Watch out for bicycle riders or parked vehicles ahead and plan a safe way to progress past them.
- **Interacting with Traffic:** being aware of other road users – behind, to the side and in front of your vehicle. If a vehicle is tailgating behind or ahead of you, leave yourself more space in front so you can brake safely. Offset your vehicle where possible to the vehicle travelling alongside in case they swerve or drift in their lane. Being aware of other vehicles blindspots and not travelling in them so they can see your vehicle. Be aware of approaching vehicles from behind or towards you, especially those travelling at speed or large vehicles that may need more room.
- **Being Aware of your Surroundings:** watching for pedestrians that may cross the road and how to safely navigate a school crossing during or outside of school hours. Slowing down or covering the brake if children or animals are on the footpath and could unexpectedly move across your path without seeing you.
- **Vehicle Handling Skills:** selecting the correct gear and speed for the conditions and explaining why. Braking early and gently wherever possible and managing changing road conditions including bends and descents using the brakes, gears and steering safely and effectively. Allowing a minimum safe following distance, a safe stopping distance behind stationary vehicles, a safety margin around other objects and applying acceleration sense to ensure smooth vehicle handling.

Being able to articulate during a commentary drive what is going on around you is an essential skill for an instructor and you need to demonstrate the following to safely negotiate an approaching hazard. The Hazard Perception Process is:



Of course this process all takes place very quickly, sometimes in only a few seconds. To prepare it is recommended you practice your hazard perception skills.

During the commentary drive you do not have to identify every possible hazard, sometimes there will just be too much going on (e.g. on a busy street) but you must be able to identify the highest risks and explain those in detail first.

If during the commentary drive, it is very quiet and only a few hazards are present the Assessing Officer may not have seen enough to ascertain if you are competent at this task. The Assessment Officer may either ask you to continue driving and give you directions, or may ask questions to gather more information on your knowledge of handling hazards safely.

Ten (10) hazards need to be negotiated, with at least nine (9) successfully completed to meet the required standard for Component 2 – Commentary Drive.

Component 4 - Manoeuvres

The applicant must confidently and competently demonstrate each of the required manoeuvres to the standard (without the re-assessment component) as per the Task requirements outlined in The Driving Companion. Demonstration of the manoeuvres must incorporate Safe Driving Strategies (Task 23) which includes observation skills, safe vehicle positioning and system of car control. Manoeuvres include:

- 3 point turn (from kerb to kerb) (Task 11)
- Reverse parallel parking (2 attempts permitted) (Task 13)
- U-turn in traffic (Task 27)
- Stopping procedure (Task 4)
- Moving off uphill procedure (Task 9)
- 90 degree angle park (front to kerb) (Task 12)
- Steering in reverse (Task 7B)

New Authorised Examiner (Car) Process:

