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Section 2, subsection 1(6) of the Act on the Finnish Transport Safety Agency (863/2009); Sections 52 and 53 of the Driving Licence Act.

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Repeals the instruction TRAFI/189522/03.04.03.06/2016 Taking a driving examination or the theoretical test for an applicant of a driving instruction permit of the Finnish Transport Safety Agency entering into force on 1 June 2016.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS ON THE THEORETICAL TEST**

### **1 PURPOSE OF THE THEORETICAL TEST**

The purpose of the theoretical test is to ensure that the candidate for a driving licence has the sufficient knowledge and competence required for responsible driving.

The candidate must know:

- the obligations and responsibilities of a driver and holder of a vehicle
- the technical features and equipment of a vehicle and the significance of these to the control of the vehicle and traffic safety in different conditions
- the principles of a safe and economic driving style that takes environmental aspects into account
- traffic signs and traffic rules included in traffic control
- the recognition of hazards and the assessment and avoidance of risks in different traffic situations and environments.

### **2 CONDITIONS FOR TAKING THE THEORETICAL TEST**

Candidates may take the theoretical test one month before meeting the set age requirement. However, candidates may only take the Category T theoretical test only once they fill the minimum age requirement of 15 years. Similarly, candidates for Category B right to drive exempted from the age requirements may only take the theoretical test once they meet the minimum age requirement of 17 years.

The theoretical test is always taken before the possible handling test or driving test.

### **3 TAKING THE THEORETICAL TEST**

The theoretical test is taken using software on a tablet computer at a service point of a service provider of the Finnish Transport Safety Agency. The questions of the theoretical test are determined based on the right to drive category that the examination concerns. Candidates may take tests concerning several different right to drive categories during the same visit.

After the person's identity and documents have been verified, a service adviser at the service point prepares the tests concerning the correct right to drive category for the candidate and escorts the candidate to a room reserved for the testing.

Candidates may not take their mobile phones, earphones or other communications or recording devices in the room. Candidates are responsible for the arrangements for storing the devices.

Candidates have in total 30 minutes to take the test.

A passed theoretical test is valid for one year.

#### **4 CONTENTS OF THE THEORETICAL TEST**

The theoretical test is divided into four sections:

1. Presentation of the test

Before the test starts, the software provides instructions on taking the test. These instructions will not take up any of the time afforded to taking the test.

2. Theoretical test

The theoretical test includes verbal multiple-choice questions, questions including images from traffic situations as well as risk questions concerning the recognition of incidents and avoidance of risks.

3. The software checks the responses and informs candidates whether they have passed or failed the test.

4. The software submits feedback on the test to the candidate's e-mail or, if necessary, the staff at the service point can print out the feedback to the candidate.

The questions of the theoretical test are based on legislation concerning road transport and vehicles, the provisions issued under the legislation as well as the general principles of road transport.

#### **5 ASSESSMENT OF THE THEORETICAL TEST**

The software checks the responses and informs the result of the test to the candidates. The number of correct answers is crucial in the theoretical test. If the number of correct answers falls below the number required for a specific section, the test will be failed for the category in question. Each right to drive category for which test is taken is assessed as a separate entity.

#### **6 THEORETICAL TEST WITH EXTENDED RESPONSE TIME**

Candidates may take the theoretical test with extended response time (60 minutes) when one of the following requirements are met:

1. The candidate's mother tongue is other than Finnish, Swedish or English and the person does not have good command of any of these languages;
2. the candidate is illiterate;
3. the candidate is at least 75 years old and has failed the theoretical test at least once;
4. the candidate is entitled for extended testing time on health grounds:
  1. the candidate has dyslexia;  
The candidate must present a written and signed statement on the dyslexia.
  - or
  2. the candidate is entitled for extended response time on other health grounds.  
The candidate must present a statement by a health care professional on the other health grounds that affect taking the theoretical test.

When extended response time is afforded for the theoretical test, an examiner must always be present during the test. The examiner's task is to support the candidate in taking the test. For instance, the examiner may read the test questions out loud to the candidate and, if necessary, rephrase the questions or otherwise clarify the meaning of the words used in the test questions.

## **7 USING AN INTERPRETER IN THE THEORETICAL TEST**

If as noted in section 6, subsection 1, the candidate's mother tongue is other than Finnish, Swedish or English and the person does not have good command of any of these languages, or, if as noted in section 6, subsection 1, the candidate is illiterate, the person may use an interpreter for help in taking the theoretical test if necessary. The interpreter must be present in person in the test situation.

The candidate taking the test is responsible for any costs resulting from using an interpreter.

The examiner is responsible for finding a place to the interpreter in the room reserved for the theoretical test that does not compromise the test material. The interpreter is not allowed to see the test material. The examiner reads the theoretical test questions out loud and the interpreter must interpret the speech of the examiner to the person taking the theoretical test.

Any opportunities for the interpreter to affect the responses by the candidate must be minimised. If there are reasonable grounds to suspect misuse of interpretation, the examiner must remove the interpreter from the test situation. The candidate may finish the test without an interpreter.

## 8 THEORETICAL TEST MATERIAL

The Finnish Transport Safety Agency is responsible for the contents of the theoretical test and owns the material used in the theoretical test. No information may be disclosed on the theoretical test which would endanger the purpose of the theoretical test or using the test in the future.

## 9 NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN THE THEORETICAL TEST

<b>Driving licence category</b>	Multiple-choice questions specific to categories (the minimum number of correct answers required for passing the test)	Image questions from traffic situations (the minimum number of correct answers required for passing the test)	Risk questions (the minimum number of correct answers required for passing the test)
Categories A1, A2 and A	20 (14)	50 (43)	5 (4)
Categories AM/120, AM/121, T and B	15 (11)	50 (43)	5 (4)
Categories BE, C1, C1E, D1 and D1E	10 (7)	30 (26)	5 (4)
Categories C, CE, D and DE	20 (14)	30 (26)	5 (4)

## 10 THEMES IN THEORETICAL TESTS

The themes covered by the category-specific verbal multiple-choice questions in Categories AM/120, AM/121, T, A1, A2, A, B and BE:

1. Road traffic rules
2. Driver
3. Road
4. Other road users
5. General rules and regulations and other issues
6. Required precautionary measures when getting out of a vehicle
7. Mechanical issues affecting traffic safety

8. Safety equipment in a vehicle
9. The use of a vehicle and the environment.

In addition, the theoretical test for Categories A1, A2 and A includes the following themes:

1. The use of protective equipment
2. The visibility of motorcyclists to other road users
3. Risk factors related to road conditions
4. Mechanical issues of a motorcycle affecting traffic safety

The themes covered by the category-specific verbal multiple-choice questions in Categories C1, C1E, C, CE, D1, D1E, D and DE:

1. Rules concerning driving times and rest periods
2. Transport of goods or carriage of passengers
3. Documents concerning vehicles and transport
4. Acting in an emergency
5. Precautionary measures connected to changing tyres
6. Regulations on the vehicle's mass, dimensions and speed limiting devices
7. Obstacles caused to the field of vision by the structure of vehicles
8. The use of road maps and route planning
9. Safety factors related to loading a vehicle (only Categories C1, C1E, C and CE)
10. Driver's responsibility in passenger transport (only Categories D1, D1E, D and DE).

In addition, the theoretical test for Categories C, CE, D and DE includes the following themes:

1. The structure and functions of a vehicle
2. Lubrication and antifreeze
3. The structure, fitting, correct use and care for tyres
4. Brakes and speed governors
5. Switching systems (only in Categories CE and DE)
6. Procedures for determining the causes of faults
7. Preventive maintenance of vehicle and common repairs
8. Driver's responsibility for goods (only Categories C and CE)

The themes for the image questions related to traffic situations in all categories:

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1. Driving straight
2. Driving to the right
3. Driving to the left
4. Giving way when driving straight
5. Giving way when driving to the right
6. Giving way when driving to the left
7. Overtaking
8. Changing lanes
9. Stopping
10. Parking.

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