

Drive Safe Driving School



Crossroads

Introduction

By now your *clutch control*, *steering* and *gear changing* should be improving continually. Also your instructor should be reducing support with dealing with approaching and emerging from basic T-junctions.

This lesson we are going to be looking at crossroads and more complex junctions with restricted views while improving your *Hazard* and *L.A.D.A routine*.

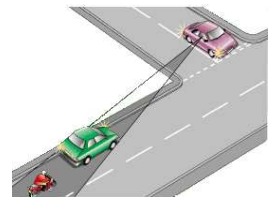
Lesson Aim's and objective's

The aim of today lesson is to be briefed on recognising crossroads from a distance and take extra observations when approaching left and right turn from major and minor road while observing the priority of oncoming traffic.

During this lesson you will be assessed on your general drive but giving you as much support as you need.

Subject Brief

This lesson you will learn about how to turn into side roads at crossroads and how to emerge from them.



Approaching crossroads to turn into a side road

Approaching and turning into a side road at a crossroads is slightly different from turning into a side road at a T or a Y junction. Traffic may emerge from either side road and cross your path.

While you have priority you must be prepared to stop if someone foolishly crosses your path.

This may also occur when you intend to go ahead which is why you always take extra observations into the side roads of a crossroads before you pass.

When turning right you may be faced with an oncoming vehicle also wanting to turn right.

In this instance neither vehicle has priority.

Vehicles can turn near side to near side in this situation although offside to offside is safer because you can more easily observe oncoming traffic before turning. Road markings may also dictate which method is used.



Emerging at crossroads

When emerging at crossroads it is very important to take note of the road ahead, so observations must be taken in the form of AHEAD, RIGHT, LEFT this is to be done twice to be certain it is clear.

Watch for vehicles indicating left or right they might NOT be actually turning as they may have left their indicator on from a previous manoeuvre. Prepare the vehicle to emerge using WATCH OUT (Over Under Through vehicles that may be blocking a clear view).

Play tennis by looking left and right constantly as you cross the road and don't forget to think BIKE.

Priorities

Question that will be asked- At cross roads who has *priority*?

The vehicle going straight ahead does, any car crossing the path of another vehicle has to give way. However do not assume that the other driver will comply.

