

NT DRIVING TEST - "IMMEDIATE" FAIL ITEMS

You will fail the test for committing **3 or more observation errors**, or **3 or more signalling errors**, or scoring **less than 90%**.

You can also fail the test at any time for doing something **dangerous or illegal** or **receiving outside help**.

Below is a list of "fail items" and examples for some of them (there are too many to list all of them here).

Note: many examiners don't like testing candidates who haven't had at least one professional driving lesson.

1 Disobeying traffic lights, signs or road markings.

Not coming to a **complete stop** behind the stop line at a Stop Sign or solid white Stop Line if the Stop sign is missing, or not coming to a **complete stop** behind the white stop-line when **turning left at a red light** where a "LEFT TURN ON RED PERMITTED AFTER STOPPING" sign is posted (you must stop at ALL red lights before proceeding).
Not stopping at a yellow light if safe to stop, or unnecessarily stopping at a green light if it is safe to proceed.
Disobeying a regulatory sign or lines on the road.

2 Failing to give way when necessary.

Know the give way rules including those for pedestrian crossings. Don't forget that you must, if safe to do so, give way to a bus in front of you on a road with a limit of 70km/h or less, if it is pulling out of a bus stop or changing into your lane, or if it is signalling to do so (buses follow the give way rules at intersections like other traffic).

3 Colliding with a vehicle, pedestrian or object.**4 Performing an illegal act or manoeuvre.****5 Exceeding the speed limit.**

Slow down to the legal speed BEFORE you reach a lower-speed-limit sign, do not speed up until you have gone past a higher-speed-limit sign. Try not to go too slow and annoy or hold up other traffic for no valid reason.

6 Action requiring driving examiner intervention.

If the examiner has to intervene physically or verbally to maintain safety and/or legality, you will fail.

7 Causing a dangerous situation.**8 Not having proper control of the vehicle.****9 Not exercising DUE CARE to avoid a crash.**

E.g.: you might have to give way to someone who should be giving way to you, if necessary to avoid a crash.

10 Failing to give way to an emergency vehicle.

(Vehicles with flashing red or red & blue lights, not flashing orange lights).

You must move out of their way at the first SAFE opportunity, use your blinkers to signal your intention.

11 Disobeying directions from a person controlling traffic.**12 Frequently not signalling intention.**

Missing **three or more mandatory signals** will fail the test! Don't forget to give a "left-signal" before leaving a roundabout, even if going straight ahead. Do not give a signal which would cause danger by confusing other road users.

13 Refusing to attempt any part of the test.

You must attempt the three mandatory manoeuvres (kerbside-stop / hill-start, 3-point-turn, reverse parallel park), and follow the examiner's directions whenever possible* (see note No. 14 below).

14 Repeated or deliberate failure to follow directions.

Do your best to follow directions given by the examiner, accidentally going the wrong way may not necessarily be a fail, unless the examiner thinks you aren't paying attention. If you do not understand a direction or have forgotten it, do ask the examiner to repeat it.

**Note No.14: The examiner will NOT deliberately give a direction that is unsafe or illegal, but if traffic conditions prevent you from doing something safely or legally, don't do it even if it means not going in the intended direction (it's better to leave the test route if necessary to keep safe & legal, than to follow the test route unsafely or illegally).*

15 Unreasonably obstructing other vehicles or pedestrians.**16 Receiving external advice or instruction during a test.**

Apart from MVR officers auditing the examiner, no one else is allowed to sit in the car during the test.

17 Not parking to the required standard.**18 Not maintaining a safe following distance.**

You must maintain a minimum **3 second gap** behind the vehicle in front in **good** conditions at speeds of 20kmh or faster, further apart in poor conditions. Get professional driving lessons to find out how this works!

19 Frequently not making required observation checks.

Missing **three or more mandatory head checks** will fail the test! Don't forget to check to your left before leaving a roundabout, even if going straight ahead. Get professional driving lessons to find out what is required!