

# NT driving test mandatory manoeuvres

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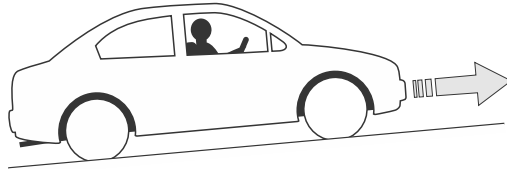


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## NOTE:

go online to the website below and find the link: "A Guide to the Driving Test".  
<https://nt.gov.au/driving/licences/get-your-driver-licence/sit-a-driving-test>  
(This is the MVR's official guide to help you prepare for your test)

## KERBSIDE STOP / HILL-START



Normally just called the "hill-start".

You park against the kerb on an upward slope then "move off" (drive forward and join the traffic flow) safely and legally without the car rolling backwards.

It is done on all driving tests in manual and automatic cars.

Good car control - e.g. not rolling backwards or stalling the engine - is still important, but most crashes are caused by factors such as poor observation, poor decision making, not following the road rules, and not responding correctly to hazards, so emphasis is now on moving off safely and legally into the traffic (see below).

### Performing the manoeuvre.

1. The examiner will direct you to pull over and park against a clear stretch of kerb, on a slope (not necessarily a steep one).  
Don't block a driveway or park alongside fire hydrant.
2. Apply the handbrake, select 'neutral' (manual) or 'park' (automatic), and cancel the indicators - this is called "making the car safe".
3. You will then be directed to move off.

### What the examiner is looking for:

- You pull over and stop against the kerb safely and legally, with correct signalling and observation techniques.
- You signal correctly before moving off.
- You perform correct observations before moving off.
- You give way to all traffic including pedestrians before moving off.
- You have reasonable control of the car and don't roll backwards.

### Please get professional driving lessons!

People who don't get at least one lesson usually fail the test.

Even if you think you are a good driver (and perhaps you are), you still need to know exactly what the examiner is looking for!

It is very easy to fail the test by not giving correct signals or not doing correct observations at the right time, when the examiner is expecting them!

Lessons with a professional instructor are highly recommended before taking your test.

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## THREE-POINT TURN



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On your test you will be required to perform a three point turn.

It must be performed safely with minimal disruption to the traffic flow.

► The location you select must be:

- Safe (good view both directions)
- Legal (not crossing a solid centre line or disobeying signs or any road rule).

Do NOT enter driveways, and avoid contacting the kerb.

► Not performing three mandatory OBSERVATIONS or SIGNALS will fail the test.

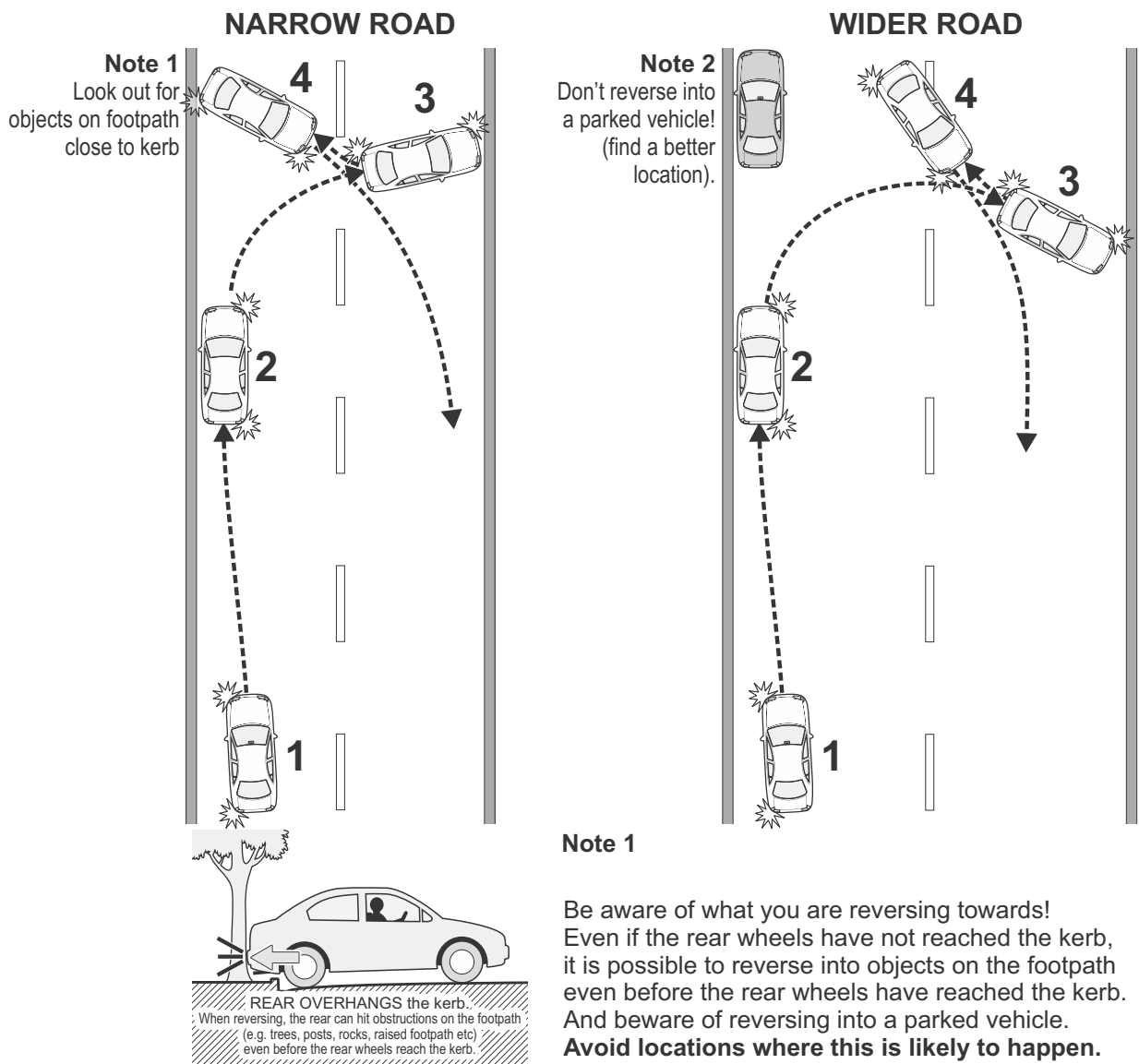
SIGNAL and check the BLIND SPOTS each side :

- before pulling over alongside the kerb,
- before moving away from the kerb,
- every time you stop ready to move in the opposite direction.

Be aware of road users (cars, bicycles etc) trying to get past you, they have priority.

► In large vehicles it may be necessary to use 5 moves instead of 3 to complete the manoeuvre.

Note: if the road is wide enough to do a U-turn (i.e. without reversing), the examiner will require you to perform a 3-point turn instead, in 3 or 5 moves, using reverse gear.



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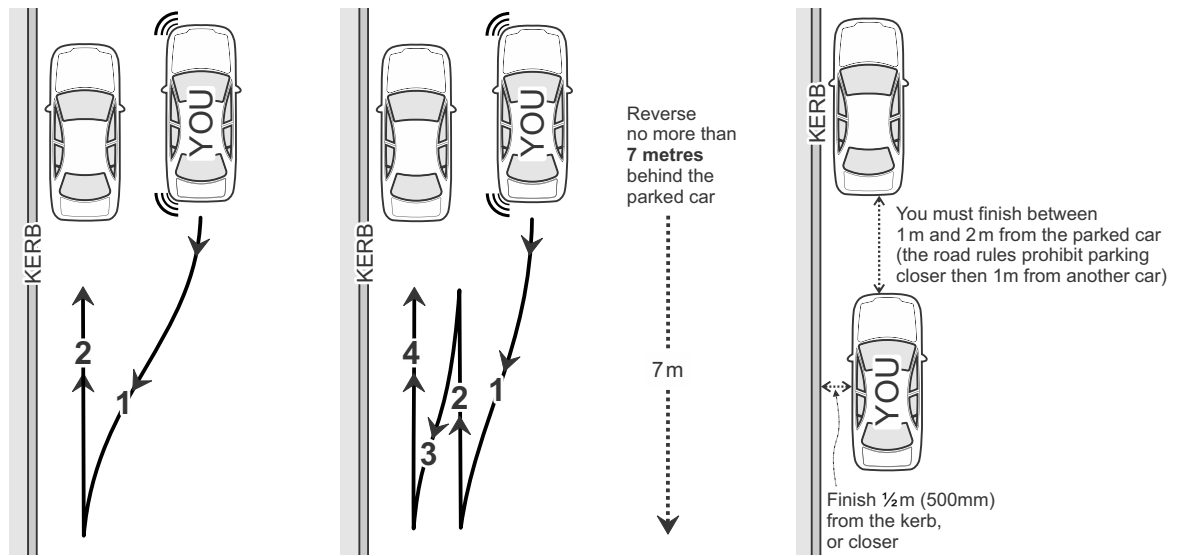
## REVERSE PARALLEL PARK

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During your test you will be required to perform a reverse parallel park by stopping alongside a parked vehicle and reversing behind it to finish alongside the kerb.

- You are allowed up to 4 changes of direction (see diagrams below).
- Do not reverse further than 7 metres behind the parked car.
- Do not finish closer than 1 metre or further than 2 metres behind the car.
- Finish at least 500mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  metre) from the kerb, or closer.
- Do not let your wheels touch the kerb.  
Hitting the kerb hard or letting one or more wheels mount the kerb will fail the manoeuvre (and the test).



The manoeuvre can be done using 2 changes in direction, (see left panel above) but if you are not in position by then you are allowed 2 more moves (total of 4 moves).

### 1. SELECTING A CAR TO PARK BEHIND.

On the driving test, the examiner will look for a suitable car. When practising the manoeuvre for the test, select your "target car" carefully ... see the notes below on "PRACTISING THIS MANOEUVRE".

### 2. GETTING INTO POSITION TO COMMENCE THE MANOEUVRE.

As you approach the car, *check behind* - vehicles following behind you won't be expecting you to suddenly stop alongside a parked car and could crash into you.

- If a car is behind you, *signal left, shoulder check left* and pull over to let them pass. When clear you can then pull out from kerb (*signal at least 5 seconds and shoulder check right*) and then move safely out and stop alongside the parked car.
- If clear behind, *signal left, shoulder check left*, and stop alongside the parked car.

Stop 1 metre from the other car's door, and slightly ahead of it (diagram 'A'). As soon as you stop, select reverse to display your reversing lights and *signal 'left'*. Don't start the manoeuvre until it is clear behind you!

Always look behind and *shoulder check both sides* before reversing!

### PRACTISING THIS MANOEUVRE.

You need clear space to perform the manoeuvre, so that you will not be reversing close to a vehicle parked behind you (the manoeuvre is NOT done between vehicles on the test).

Select a car which is not facing towards you (incorrectly parked, or one which has a very low rear (e.g. Volkswagen Beetle), as you will need to see the vehicle's corner in your side windows or mirrors as you start to reverse.

Note: Do not practice behind a car more than once.

When you've finished one practice park, find another car if possible, car owners get very unhappy if you linger around their car too long! Using another family-owned car is a good idea.

**Your professional driving instructor can give you tips on how to do the manoeuvre.**