Theory Test – Policy

August 2017
General overview

The Theory Test is a computer based exam. The syllabus of this exam is regulated by the requirements laid down in the fourth schedule of *Subsidiary Legislation 65.18.*

A multiple choice examination method has been adapted for this exam, were candidates are presented with a question and they have to choose the correct answer/s out of a number of possible answers.

The duration of a Theory Test varies depending on the candidate; however, the Theory Test has a maximum duration of 45 minutes with 35 questions to answer. On the other hand the CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence) exam has a maximum duration of 100 minutes with 80 questions to answer. A pass from the Theory Test is legally mandatory to apply for the practical test.

Theory Tests are available in both the Maltese and English language.

The following is a concise list of subjects that the Theory Test syllabus covers:

- Road traffic regulations
- The driver
- The road
- Other road users
- General rules and regulations and other matters

Purpose and benefits

Transport Malta has been able to systematically appraise the aptitude and knowledge of prospective drivers in view of the Highway Code and other subjects related to safe driving.

Since a pass test result from the Theory Test is legally mandatory, Transport Malta created a national benchmark (85%) with the aim to improve the quality of driver testing and training. This standard is intended to promote a lifelong learning continuum among drivers and to develop road safety awareness.

How to apply for the test

Ideally a candidate should personally call at the Theory Test center to schedule an appointment in advance of a personal visit. This is suggested to avoid disappointment, whereas the Theory Test centre might be closed or fully booked. However, if one requires re-sitting the test, if there is availability one can liberally undertake a Theory Test on the same day without the need for an appointment.
Whilst in Gozo Theory Tests are scheduled by appointment, therefore pre booking is compulsory. It is important to note that Theory Tests in Gozo are held once every fortnight.

**The address of the Theory Test centre in Malta:**
The Theory Test Centre  
Gwardamangia Hill,  
Pieta'

**The address of the office where Theory Tests are held in Gozo:**  
Ministry for Gozo  
St. Francis square  
Victoria

Appointments can be scheduled on the following telephone numbers **21 227 190** or **27 227 190**.

**Theory Test - fees**  
All categories - **€30.25**  
Re-sit fee for all category theory tests (valid for 3 months) - **€22.10**

Taxi and CPC Theory Tests, re-sit fee is not applicable.

**Opening hours of the Theory Test centre**  
The opening hours of the Theory Test Centre are as follows:

**Winter Schedule - 1st October till 30th June**

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Summer Schedule - 1st July till 30th September

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Studying material for the Theory Test

Transport Malta uploaded the studying material for the major categories on its website. In addition, it is suggested that candidates should be fully conversant with the regulations of the Highway Code. To this extent the latter has been uploaded online and is available to be downloaded free of charge.

These documents are available in both Maltese and English languages and can be accessed through the following link:

http://www.transport.gov.mt/land-transport/driving/obtaining-your-driving-licence

Identification documents

To undertake a Theory Test, a candidate must present a valid identification (I.D.) card or a valid European passport. If neither of these documents are not provided, a Theory Test cannot take place. In the event where the ID card is lost or misplaced, the presentation of an interim approved document is being accepted. This document has to be issued, signed and rubber stamped by Identity Malta and also contains an identification picture and the personal details of the candidate.

Candidates in need of reading assistance

Candidates who are unable to read and write and/or have some form of condition that hinders them from doing the Theory Test on their own, can apply with Transport Malta to be assisted by an Authority representative. The assistance provided will be restricted to the reading of the questions and the possible answers in either Maltese or English, but not the correct answer! The final decision on the correct answer is to be taken by the candidate. The Authority representative will not be held responsible for the outcome of the test/s undertaken. This service is offered by Transport Malta free of charge.

To apply for this service the appropriate form (see. appendix 1) must be filled in and submitted to the Driver and Passenger Operator Licensing unit in Floriana. Appointments are given on a “first come, first served chronological order” either by phone or over the counter. In addition, the Driver and Passenger Operator Licensing
unit makes the necessary arrangements to send an authorized representative to assist the person in need on the given date and time.

The application form for this service is found on Transport Malta’s website through the following link:


Candidates in need of interpreter assistance (foreign language)
In the event that a candidate has difficulties to comprehend or fully understand the English and/or Maltese language, they have the possibility to apply for the services of an interpreter during the Theory Test.

This is possible by completing the appropriate agreement (see. appendix 2). The agreement must be signed by the candidate, the interpreter and a witness to both signatures. It is important to note that the interpreter shall assist only with the translation and shall not be in a position to assist in any other way apart from the professional service booked for. The final decision regarding the correct answer is to be taken by the candidate. The Authority and/or the translator will not be held responsible for the outcome of the test undertaken.

Applications for this service may be effected only on Monday mornings from 7:30am till 12:00pm, from the Driver and Passenger Operator Licensing Unit, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Paola PLA 1212. Payments due for the services of the interpreter must be paid on submission of application and a receipt covering the fee paid will be issued by Transport Malta.

Documents provided after passing from the Theory Test
After the successful completion of a Theory Test, a candidate is handed two copies of the pass Theory Test certificate. One (1) copy is to be handed over to Transport Malta together with the application of the practical test and other required documents, while the second copy of the certificate is to be kept by the candidate for personal records. When it comes to CPC tests, once the candidate successfully passes the first module (i.e.: multiple choice questions) a receipt is handed over to him/her. The pass test certificate is handed over to the candidate after the successful completion of the second module (i.e.: case study).

A pass test certificate can be reprinted for an administrative fee of €2.00 (two euro) from the Theory Test centre on presentation of the candidates ID card.

Documents provided after failing from the Theory Test
A chit containing a list of the questions which were incorrectly answered is handed over by the Theory Test representative after the unsuccessful completion of an exam.
A certificate is not provided.

**Appeals procedure**
Transport Malta is committed to ensure that Theory Tests undertaken by candidates are done consistently and in accordance to the regulations. To promote quality and fairness, an appeals procedure has been laid down.

Candidates who have a valid reason to appeal from a test result may do so by submitting the appropriate form (*see. appendix 3*) duly filled in. Such appeal form should be forwarded to the Manager in charge of the Driver and Passenger Operator Licensing Unit. In this form the candidate has to outline in detail why the appeal is deemed suitable.

Each case will be independently verified and findings will be communicated within four (4) weeks from the date of submission.

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Appendix 1

Application for Assistance (Qarrej) wqati-Ttest tat-Teorija / Application for Assistance
(Readers during the Theory Test)

**Immaa re Josh ghekked / Mark where applicable**

- [ ] Jien ghandi diffiċċità serja blax naqra / I have serious difficulties to read

- [ ] Jien ghandi kundizzjoni mediku i ttikskil mi l’naqra wahiq wqati Il-Ttest tat-Teorija (ma’ din l-applikazzjoni, il-kandidatt irri jippreżenta certifikat mediku marbuti ma’j-kundizzjoni i ttikskil illusioni milli tagħmel il-ttest wahiq). I have a medical condition that hinders me from reading on my own during the Theory Test (with this application, the applicant needs to attach a medical certificate related to the condition that impedes the candidate from sitting for the test on his own).


The assistance that will be provided is only restricted to the reading of the questions and answers in either Maltese or English and that the final decision on the correct answer is only mine. I am also aware that the Authority representative is not responsible for the outcome of the tests undertaken. I am also aware that Transport Malta is offering this service free of charge.

**Tattőjij Personali / Personal Details**

- [ ] Jien naqpet / I agree

- Numru tal-Karta tal-Identità / ID Card Number:

- Issemm u kunsjm. Name and Surname:

- Numru tal-Telefoni / Telephone Number:

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Firma tal-applikstant / Applicant’s signature: ___________________________

Data / Date: ______/____/____

Din l-applikazzjoni ma’ ttest t-tig ma’din idukkaddejja zill Transport Malta mittu l-ebda għaż-żellem tas-serqen / This application cannot be forwarded to Transport Malta by any driving instructor.
Appendix 2

DE1 - Application for Translator Assistance (Reader) during the Theory Test

Paid On: ____/____/ 2017

Agreement

On the one part

___________ duly representing The Authority for Transport in Malta holder of identity card number ____________ M (hereafter shall be referred to as the First Part):

And on the other part

___________ holder of identity card number/passport number ____________ (hereinafter shall be referred to as the Second Part):

Collectively referred to as the parties:

That the Theory Test which is part of the driving test requirement is done in the Maltese and English language.

The Second Party is of __________ nationality and does not understand the Maltese and/or English language.

The First Party is binding itself to provide an Interpreter for the Second Party to translate the relative questions of the above-mentioned Theory Test to the Second Part whereby the Second Part is binding himself/herself to pay any expenses incurred by the First Part to provide for such an interpreter.

__________________________
On behalf of the Authority for Transport in Malta
ID
Applicant
ID/passport number:

__________________________
Translated and witness to signature
ID

Contact Details
Declaration

I, __________ holder of identity card number __________ declare that I was asked for my services to act as an interpreter and translate the Theory Test questions from the Maltese/English language to the __________ language only and shall not help the Applicant in any other way.

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Translator signature
ID
Theory Test - Appeals Form

Candidate Details
Name and Surname: ______________________________________________________
ID card: _____________________
Telephone number: _______________ Mobile number: _________________________
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Test Details: ____________________________________________________________
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Signature of candidate   Date