



Traffic Laws 2025/26 (UK)

1. Road User Hierarchy

- Give priority to pedestrians at junctions
- Do not cut across cyclists when turning
- Leave 1.5m when overtaking cyclists
- Slow down for horses and vulnerable road users

2. Mobile Phone & Sat-Nav Laws 2025/26

- Illegal to hold/use any handheld device while driving or supervising
- Illegal even when stopped at lights/in traffic
- Using a phone as sat-nav is legal only if mounted
- No touching the phone while moving

Penalty: £200 + 6 points.

3. Driving Test Standards (2025)

- 40-minute test
- Show Me/Tell Me questions
- One manoeuvre
- 20 minutes independent driving
- Fewer staged stops than older tests



4. Rules for Older Drivers (2025 Review)

- Renew at 70, then every 3 years
- Possible future medical/vision checks (not the law yet)

5. Theory Test Updates (2025 → 2026)

- CPR basics
- Recognising cardiac arrest
- Using defibrillators (AEDs)
- Roadside emergency steps

6. Automated Vehicles Act (Future Law)

- Self-driving vehicles expected from 2026
- New rules on driver-in-charge vs autonomous mode
- Liability changes coming

7. Common Offences for New Drivers

- Holding a phone
- Not giving way to pedestrians
- Misjudging cyclists
- Speeding in 20mph zones
- Lane discipline issues
- Seatbelt errors



8. Speed Limits (2025)

- Built-up areas: 30mph (20mph zones common)
- Single carriageway: 60mph
- Dual carriageway: 70mph
- Motorway: 70mph

9. April 2025 Update

- No new confirmed road laws begin April 2025
- Mobile phone rumours debunked
- DVSA first-aid theory update expected 2026

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