Beginner's Driving Manual

1. What You Need Before You Start

A Valid Provisional Licence

Before you can take driving lessons or book your theory test, you'll need a UK provisional driving licence. You can apply from 15 years and 9 months, but must be 17 to drive a car on public roads.

Choosing the Right Driving School

- DVSA-approved driving instructors
- Patient teaching style
- Structured lesson plans
- Modern, dual-controlled cars

At Hotdog Driving School, lessons are calm, practical and enjoyable — more like learning a craft than surviving an exam.

2. What Your First Driving Lesson Will Look Like

- Seat, mirror and driving position setup
- Basic controls (steering, clutch, indicators, gears)
- Moving off smoothly
- Stopping safely
- Basic junctions

Think of it as meeting the car rather than mastering it — like learning an instrument before playing your first tune.

3. Essential Beginner Driving Skills

Clutch Control & Smooth Starts

- Finding the biting point
- Pulling away smoothly
- Changing gears confidently

Steering & Road Positioning

You'll learn how your vehicle naturally tracks the road and steers through bends and junctions.

Observations & Mirrors

- Mirror–signal–manoeuvre routine
- Safe lane changes
- Junction checks & blind-spot awareness

Braking & Speed Control

Learn how braking distance, weather and road conditions affect safety.

4. Building Confidence on the Road

- Take regular lessons
- Practise legally with a supervisor
- Ask questions early
- Celebrate milestones

A calm mind makes clear decisions — and clear decisions make safe drivers.

5. Preparing for the Theory Test
Multiple-choice section and hazard perception test.

6. Passing Your Practical Test
Practise routes, manoeuvres and do a mock test.

7. FAQs
Most learners need 30–45 hours. Auto is simpler; manual offers more control. Nervous is normal.

8. Why Learn with Hotdog Driving School?

- Patient, friendly instructors
- Structured lessons tailored to you
- Real-world driving confidence
- Flexible scheduling