



Figure. ZimRoadWise crest: a shield containing a stylised road curving toward the horizon, with the ZimRoadWise wordmark set beneath in navy. Cover mark of the ZimRoadWise study library.

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Oral Test Questions & Answers

Model answers to the 40 most-asked questions in the VID oral examination.

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How to use this booklet

Read the question aloud, cover the answer, and speak your response before checking. Aim for one complete sentence per idea. The examiner is testing clarity as much as knowledge.

Questions 1-10

Q1. What is the Highway Code?

The Highway Code is the official Zimbabwean rulebook that guides the behaviour of all road users — drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Q2. What is the meaning of a solid white line in the middle of the road?

It separates lanes of traffic and must not be crossed or straddled.

Q3. What is the meaning of a broken white line?

It separates lanes and may be crossed when it is safe to do so, for example when overtaking.

Q4. What does a double solid white line mean?

You must not cross or straddle either line. It is an absolute no-overtaking zone.

Q5. What must you do at a STOP sign?

Come to a complete stop at the line, look right, left, then right again, and only proceed when the road is clear.

Q6. What must you do at a YIELD sign?

Give way to all traffic on the road you are joining and to any pedestrians in your path.

Q7. What is the general speed limit in a built-up area?

60 kilometres per hour.

Q8. What is the general speed limit outside a built-up area?

80 kilometres per hour.

Q9. What is the maximum speed limit on a highway unless otherwise posted?

120 kilometres per hour.

Q10. What is the speed limit for a heavy vehicle over 2 300 kg?

80 kilometres per hour.

Questions 11-20

Q11. What is the safe following distance rule?

Use the three-second rule in dry conditions; double it to at least six seconds in the rain.

Q12. When may you overtake on the left?

Only when the vehicle in front has signalled a right turn and there is room to pass safely, or when directed by a traffic officer.

Q13. What is a blind spot?

An area around the vehicle that is not visible in the mirrors. You clear it with a shoulder check before changing lanes.

Q14. What must you check before moving off from a parked position?

Mirrors, blind spot, and signal — in that order.

Q15. Where must you not park?

Within 9 metres of an intersection, on a pedestrian crossing, in front of a driveway, on a bridge, or where a NO PARKING sign is displayed.

Q16. What is the meaning of a red triangle with a picture inside?

It is a warning sign advising of a hazard ahead.

Q17. What is the meaning of a round sign with a red ring?

It is a prohibition — the action shown is not allowed.

Q18. What is the meaning of a round sign with a solid blue background?

It is a mandatory sign — the action shown must be performed.

Q19. What is the meaning of a yellow diamond sign?

It warns of a temporary hazard, usually at roadworks.

Q20. What documents must you carry while driving?

Your driver's licence, vehicle registration book, and current radio and insurance certificates.

Questions 21-30

Q21. What is the minimum age for a Class 4 provisional licence?

16 years.

Q22. How long is a provisional licence valid?

One year, renewable once.

Q23. What is the maximum permitted alcohol level for a driver?

0.08 grams per 100 millilitres of blood, but ZimRoadWise recommends zero.

Q24. What must you do if you are involved in an accident?

Stop, render assistance, exchange details, and report to the nearest police station within 24 hours.

Q25. What is the meaning of a flashing amber traffic light?

Proceed with caution — treat the junction as uncontrolled.

Q26. What is the meaning of a flashing red traffic light?

Stop as if at a STOP sign, then proceed when safe.

Q27. What is the meaning of a green arrow at a traffic light?

You may move in the direction of the arrow only, giving way to pedestrians.

Q28. When are headlights required by law?

Between sunset and sunrise, and whenever visibility is reduced by rain, fog, or dust.

Q29. What is the correct hand signal for slowing down?

Right arm extended and moved slowly up and down.

Q30. What is the correct hand signal for a right turn?

Right arm extended horizontally, palm forward.

Questions 31-40

Q31. What is the correct hand signal for a left turn?

Right arm extended, forearm rotated in an anticlockwise circle.

Q32. What must a driver do when approaching a school zone?

Reduce speed, watch for children, and obey any traffic warden.

Q33. What is aquaplaning?

The loss of tyre grip on a film of water. Ease off the accelerator, do not brake sharply, and steer straight.

Q34. What is the correct tyre pressure to use?

The pressure recommended by the vehicle manufacturer, checked when the tyres are cold.

Q35. What is the minimum legal tyre tread depth?

1.6 millimetres across the central three-quarters of the tyre.

Q36. What is engine braking?

Using a lower gear to slow the vehicle, saving the brakes on long descents.

Q37. What is the purpose of ABS?

Anti-lock Braking System prevents the wheels from locking under heavy braking so you can still steer.

Q38. What is the purpose of a seat belt?

It restrains the body in a collision, reducing the risk of serious injury.

Q39. What must you do at a level crossing?

Stop if the lights are flashing or the barrier is down; otherwise slow, look, and listen before crossing.

Q40. What is defensive driving?

Driving to avoid accidents by anticipating the mistakes of others and keeping options open at all times.