

Subject: **Moving Off & Stopping Normally**

Recap: Use of Controls, Cockpit Drill

Objective:

- What* How to move away safely, achieve a normal driving position and then select and stop the vehicle in a safe place.
- How* Look at the main points and the procedures for moving off and stopping, followed by on road practice under guided instruction.
- By the end* Be able to move away and stop again safely and with less help.

Main Points:

Before Starting Carry out Cockpit Drill (DSSSM) & Safety Checks (Handbrake/Neutral).

Moving Off

Preparation Clutch In, Select 1st gear
Set the gas - hold steady
Clutch slowly up to biting point, then FEET STILL

Observation Check mirrors, Check blindspot
Signal (if necessary) and Prepare Handbrake
Check mirrors, Check blindspot - and if safe.....

Manoeuvre Release handbrake and keep FEET STILL (car will creep forwards)
Steer to normal driving position
Straighten up
Slowly clutch fully up
Cancel signal (if necessary)

Stopping

Where to stop? Decide on a Safe, Convenient and Legal place ahead to stop.

Preparation Start MSM routine (whenever change speed/direction)

- M** Check mirrors
- S** Signal (if necessary)
- M** Cover the brake and clutch
- P** Steer towards chosen parking position.
- S** Gently brake
Clutch down (about one car length away)
- L** Check left mirror
Gently brake to a stop

Secure Vehicle Handbrake on, select neutral
Cancel signal (if necessary)
Feet off pedals

References: Driving the Essential Skills P. 68-71 - BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 32-33
The Official Driving Test P. 27

Any Questions?