

Subject: Turning Right (Major to Minor)

Recap: Turning Left (Major to Minor). MSPSL

Objective:

- What* How to approach & negotiate a right hand junction safely.
- How* Look at the main points of turning right and how the MSM routine should be applied, followed by on road practice.
- By the end* Be able to turn right from a major into a minor road under full control and with due regard for other road users/pedestrians.

Main Points:

Advance Info. Look for clues on the approach to help identify the junction & plan ahead:
Amount of traffic, vehicles turning into/emerging from road, warning/direction signs, road markings, traffic lights, breaks in lines of houses/parked cars.

Hazard Junctions are hazards - MSM routine should be applied (MSPSL)

Mirrors Check speed/position of vehicles behind - Interior and right (overtakers).

Signal Your intention to other road users/pedestrians - clearly and in good time.

Position As close to centre line as is safe - confirms intent to turn right and allows traffic to pass on your left if enough room.

Speed Reduce speed on approach - the less you can see, the slower you should go.
Slowest just before the turn and in correct gear (2nd) approx 2 car lengths before turn.

Look Ahead, Mirrors (R), Right - Depending on what you see - 2 choices, Go or Wait

Go If road ahead is obviously clear, check mirrors (overtakers) and into new road for pedestrians crossing/obstructions etc.

Wait If there is oncoming traffic or you are in any doubt at all - don't make the turn.
Stop with nose level with centre line. Wait for a safe gap (pedestrian guide).
When safe gap - still need to check for overtakers and into new road.

You MUST NOT cross the centre line if you cannot enter the minor road safely.

Steering Not too early (cut corner) or too late (clip/mount kerb).
Aim to finish in normal driving position in new road.

After Turn Check mirrors and if safe, accelerate away.

References: Driving the Essential Skills P. 149-151/153 Official Driving Test P. 39-40
BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 41-45

Any Questions?