



Observed drives for Associates

Courses to prepare associates should follow a planned and well-prepared format. There are exceptions however, and the observer will recognise when an Associate is not responding positively and will be able to adapt the guidance to suit the individual.

With good preparation and practice most Associates should be able to reach Test standard in 6-8 observed drives, some may take a little longer.

The following is given as an accepted course outline.

Drive	Content
1	Observer's introductory briefing Pre-drive checks Assessment of present driving standard, inc. steering, clutch, gears, acceleration, braking, road positioning and observations. Constructive comments on each of the above. Introduce the phases of the 'System'.
2	A demonstration drive by the observer. Concentrate on the 'System', smoothness, safety, positioning, observations and full use of mirrors.
3	As per drive 2, introducing manoeuvring, commentary and making good progress.
4	As per drives 2 and 3 introducing motorway and /or fast dual carriageway if possible.
5	All round check run, concentrating on any obvious weak points. <i>Any of these drives may be repeated, if necessary, within the course.</i>
6	Second opinion check drive covering all aspects of the Test and all types of road if possible. Recommend for Test and explain Test application procedure.

'Explanation and Demonstration' by the Observer

'Imitation and Practice' by the Associate