

Ten top tips to passing the IAM RoadSmart advanced test

01 Take the initiative

This is your decision and your course. You will be the main beneficiary of this learning experience and we'd appreciate it if you keep us on our toes: Be prompt, chase us if we are not providing enough information and tell us if there is anything else we can do for you. We're here solely to help you achieve success.

02 Read the book

'How to be a Better Driver or Rider' contains all the information you will need to know in a simple, clear style with plenty of photos and diagrams. Invaluable reading!

03 Ask questions, get advice

People learn in different ways so please ask as many questions as you need to. Speak to fellow associates, visit forums and request to see advanced skills demonstrated. Your group is here to help you pass the advanced test in whichever way suits you best.

04 Don't switch on and off

Advanced road skills need to become embedded as your normal everyday behaviour. You cannot switch between advanced skills and your 'everyday driving or riding'.

05 Ask for help or support

We provide our time to coach and help you to pass the advanced test. If we are not meeting your expectations or there is something we are not doing for you then please let us know. Speak to your group or call Customer Support on 0300 303 1134 customer@iam.org.uk We can only put things right if we know about them.

06 Practice

You will only be able to change and develop your road skills by putting in considerable practice time. The benefit will be from the changes that your passengers or fellow riders notice and comment on - try it and see!

07 Engage with your local IAM RoadSmart group

Your local IAM RoadSmart group receives great satisfaction every time one of their members passes the advanced test. As volunteers, they all give their time willingly so that you can pass the test - make sure you make good use of their skills and knowledge.

08 Set a 'test ready' target date

Possibly our most important tip is to set a 'test ready' target date with your group as soon as possible for you to work towards. Your group will help plan your development to reach 'test ready' status.

09 Don't drift away

It's only natural that the early enthusiasm and commitment wears off a little as 'real life' takes over. Please try to stay focused and make the effort to attend your observed sessions regularly. Our groups love nothing more than to nag lagging Associates!

10 Enjoy the experience

We saved the best until last. You'll find that you will enjoy and have great fun developing advanced road skills with us. If you love the experience then please tell your family and friends about it - the majority of our new members come via word of mouth and we'd like that to continue.

