

Learning Flowchart

Step 1 - Assess your current knowledge

Complete a set of questions under test conditions - allocating a 'confidence score' for each question as you answer it.



Step 2 - Mark your questions

Mark the questions - referring to the online answer listings provided with each unit.



Step 3 - Research and Study

Research the answers for any questions which are answered incorrectly or which have a confidence score of 2 or lower, making key point notes or mind-maps as you do so.



Step 4 - Foundation questions

Complete the Foundation questions and make a note of your study references for all the questions (even those that you get right first time).



Step 5 - Test your new understanding

Re-do the questions under test conditions, noting your improvement and repeating the steps above if there are still wrongly answered or low confidence score questions.



Step 6 - Record your progress / Revision

Update your training and revision log write out your thoughts/reflections and complete any necessary revision.

Study Method ...

Step 1: Assess your current knowledge

Print out a 'study pack'. Print the units one-at-a-time, fully completing one unit before moving on to the next. You can download and print the study packs (also referred to as Study Units) from Step on of each online study unit.

Start by answering as many questions as you can *without doing any study*. Allocate a confidence rating for each question that you answer. On the first pass, skip any questions that you are unsure about.

Next: Go through the questions again – this time, answer the questions that you skipped on the first pass. If you don't know an answer, simply guess and allocate the appropriate confidence score (this is likely to be 1 or 0). Also if you are running out of time, just guess... (You need to get used to answering question under exam conditions)

Answer all the questions in the time allocated (the time allocated to answer questions for most of the units is 25 minutes).

Step 2: Mark your questions

When you have finished answering the questions use the answer references online to mark yourself (the answer listings are in Step 4 of each unit).

Step 3: Research and Study

Identify the gaps in your knowledge by looking through the questions that you answered incorrectly or which have a confidence score of 2 or less. Are there any key words or patterns that suggest gaps in your knowledge? For example you might notice that you are particularly weak in a specific area (law, road signs, Road procedure, etc.,).

Use your reference books, the SmartDriving resources at DriverActive* or in the Drivers Area* and also search online to determine the correct answers. We suggest that you keep a note-book to record info and study references as you do this.

* <http://www.driveractive.com> | <http://smartdriving.co.uk/Driving/>

In addition to researching the questions that you are unsure about, check your answers to the questions that you answered correctly by cross-reference with the study material.

Doing this has two purposes:

1. You consolidate your knowledge
2. You become familiar with the reference materials – this is essential as you will be using some of the materials when teaching (for example, the Highway Code, Know Your Traffic Signs and Driving, essential skills)

Step 4: Foundation questions

When you have completed your study research, move on to the Foundation Questions.

Note that each Foundation Question has space for you to make a note of the correct corresponding multiple-choice answer and the page references for any source of information (textbooks, online or other material).

Some foundation questions are factual, some require you to complete short projects and others ask for an opinion.

If you have thoroughly researched the multiple-choice question answers answering the Foundation Questions should be fairly straight-forwards. Note that you may be uncertain about some answers – this is because some questions do not have ‘right or wrong’ answers, they are designed to help you to ‘think like a driving instructor’ and to develop your own ideas and opinions based upon your study.

Step 5: Test yourself again

After completing the Foundation questions return to the Multiple Choice questions and test yourself again.

This time you should have a high confidence rating for *every* question – ideally you should also be getting all of the answers right. If not, repeat Step 3 for any incorrect multiple-choice questions and then review your Foundation answers to the corresponding questions before moving on.

Step 6:

Complete the review and revision schedules using the log sheet provided and briefly reflect on your feelings about the study, your confidence or any other issue.

It might be useful to do a little research online to learn more about the value of ‘learning journals’ or ‘reflective logs’ when studying if this is something you have no prior experience of. A Google search will bring up lots of info.