

How do you choose a driving school?

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Learning to drive is a huge leap into independence and requires lots of practice and guidance in order to get that confidence to become a safe driver. The learning process should be taken extremely seriously as you need the correct tools and mentoring in order to avoid a nasty accident. You should be looking for an instructor that focuses completely on you and you need to feel absolutely comfortable with them. There are a lot of schools out there that are looking to make money quick and won't effectively devote their time to you, causing you to spend more money than you need to. Here are a few pointers to look for when shopping for a driving school...

1. Who is your instructor? Are they accredited? Make sure they are a registered driving school and carry instructors licence (at all times), a working with children check card is another thing to look for

2. How good of a job are they doing? Good Idea to look at their pass rate and see how many passes they have had recently

3. Will you have consistency with your instructor? Building a relationship with the SAME instructor is important, so you feel a comfortable learner4. Does the instructor provide flexibility? By this I mean availability/picking up and dropping off/flexible learning options: have the choice of automatic and manual cars

1. Find out who is your instructor...How much experience do they have? Are they local people? Are they doing things by the book? It is law that an instructor has an instructors licence and they carry it on them at all times. Surprisingly there are many driving schools out there that aren't even a registered driving school, make sure you are learning with someone who is certified, don't skip corners just because its cheap. A working with children check card is another thing to look out for, I understand that this is something that not all instructors have. It is absolutley necessary as anyone working with children under the age of 18 must have one; driving school pupils are in this category.

2. You simply have to visit their website page or social media to understand and get a feel for how many pupils they are passing on a regular basis. If you can't find it there that is immediately alarming, a driving school who isn't shouting from the roof tops with pass rate pride is possibly a driving school who isnt getting passes.

3. Feeling comfortable whilst learning to drive is absolutely fundamental. This is possibly the first step into adulthood and independence and can be quite intimidating for some. The instructor should dedicate their whole time to you, without temper or sternness. You should receive supportive and friendly advice and feel safe in their company. Consistency with the same instructor and same car is vital for your driving development.

4. Having a driving school that can provide flexibility is something you need when learning to drive. Most families have extremely hectic lives and commitments so it is important that the instructor can pick up from school/work and drop off from home. It is also important that the instructors provide good working hours so they are available to fit your lessons in outside your regular commitments. Flexible learning options is an added bonus to look out for, it might be that you want to ultimately pass with a manual licence but struggle to jump in to it straight away. Having the option to begin with a automatic car and gradually progress into a manual car is a huge advantage, especially if they are exactly the same car model.

I hope this helps prospective pupils in deciding which school to choose, it can be a daunting process for not only you but your parents.

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