

Information on Road tests

There are two types of road tests both performed and managed by the RMV.

The first type is a weekday test, which is scheduled through the RMV website and performed Monday-Friday at 35 RMV locations across the state. **Due to Covid-19 the RMV is not currently taking new appointments for these tests.** They are rescheduling tests that were cancelled March-May due to the pandemic. They are currently only holding these tests at 8 locations across the state. Until further notice these tests are being performed with MASSDOT vehicles and the sponsor is needed but not allowed in the car. The sponsor must be 21 and have a US license for at least 1 year. Needham Driving School is currently unable to accompany students to road tests held at RMV locations.

The 2nd type of test is conducted at the driving school. The RMV will send out a state examiner to the school and test up to 30 students per a day. The RMV will not resume these tests until the weekend of June 27th. The RMV is trying to battle the backlog of tests and dates will be given to the driving school with little notice. I am hopeful we will get a test every week but I also know the RMV does not have the capacity to send an examiner to every school every week. Without 3rd party help, there is going to be a demand that they cannot meet. I am asking you to [contact your local state official here](#) and tell them you want your license and the driving school or another 3rd party should be able to temporarily conduct tests to alleviate the backlog.

Signing up for a road test

To sign up email info@needhamdrivingschool.com and tell us you would like to sign up for a road test. Once your account has been reviewed and you are determined to be eligible to enroll in a road test, we will enroll you in an upcoming test and let you know where you are in line. Your account will be charged \$150 for the sponsorship fee. This fee will need to be paid online within 24 hours to hold your spot in the road test. The RMV will also collect \$85.00 for the licensing fees which you will pay prior to the road test and may have paid the day of the permit test. We are enrolling students in groups of 30 and currently predicting at least 4-6 weeks wait time. The test could be scheduled any weekday or weekend that the RMV provides with 1 week or less notice. Once we have a firm date you will receive an email. If you cannot make the test date provided by the RMV we will move your enrollment back to the next submission.

You must meet the following criteria to sign up at Needham Driving School.

- 1) You must be a Needham Driving School student
- 2) If under 18 you must have completed all components of drivers ed
- 3) If under 18 you must have had a permit for at least 6 months with a clean driving record or be within 3 weeks of achieving the 6-month period

If the RMV resumes booking new tests at their locations, we will allow you to withdraw from our road test and receive a refund (minus \$25 certificate fee) if you can secure an earlier date with the RMV. Notice must be given at least two weeks prior to our expected road test date in order to qualify for a refund. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks!