

## **Diamond Advanced Motorists**

Tests can be booked directly with Diamond at their head office in Crawley on 020 8253 0120, or on line at [www.advancedmotoring.co.uk/taxi-test](http://www.advancedmotoring.co.uk/taxi-test)

Once booking is complete, the examiner will contact you shortly to arrange a mutually convenient time and location for the test

Applicants are normally booked in for a test within 5-10 working days and in most cases within one week. Contact is initially made within 48 hours (Monday-Friday) once a booking has been made and any queries or problems are referred back to head office for quality control.

The certificate for their advanced test for taxi and private hire normally arrives in the post within 2 or 3 working days or will be issued by the nominated examiner on the day of the test itself.

### **You will need to supply a car suitable for test purposes**

Please refer to their website for current fees and charges

If booking online, click on the appropriate taxi image at the bottom of the page depending on which test you need to take.

*The test does NOT include any wheelchair / disability assessment.*

## **Bryan Booth**

Bryan is based in Yeovil and has been a driving instructor for over thirteen years qualified to grade A. He has undergone ROSPA advanced driver testing to Gold standard, and is DVSA approved.

Bryan has undertaken hundreds of taxi assessments for South Somerset, North Somerset, and Mendip Councils.

He is prepared to travel if he can manage to schedule a few appointments for the same day, but that is negotiable so please discuss your requirements with him before booking.

His telephone number is 07970 857027. Please discuss with him his current charges, and what you need to bring to the test. The test lasts around 60 minutes, and can normally be completed within around 2 weeks of booking

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## **AA Drivetech**

<http://www.drivetech.co.uk/index.html>

Please refer to their website for current charges

To make a booking or an enquiry, please ring 0345 373 1360

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## The Blue Lamp Trust

<https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk>

Their tests can only be booked by telephone on 0300 777 0157. Please also discuss with them their current fees and what you need to bring to the test, but some details are listed below.

### **For the test to take place you must;**

- Bring your driver's licence with you; this must be presented before the assessment.
- Your licence should be at your current address and in date.
- If you have the older style paper licence then you will need to bring an appropriate form of photo identification such as a passport.
- Eyesight must conform to current legislation (20m / 68ft) so if you require glasses /contact lenses then bring these with you.
- You must provide a vehicle for the assessment.
- The vehicle must be right hand drive, in a roadworthy condition and comply with current road legislation i.e. taxed, insured, and fit for purpose.
- Be punctual, if you are later than 5 minutes the test may be cancelled at the discretion of the examiner and you will still be charged.
- Appropriate footwear should be worn, for example, no flip flops, sandals or high heels.

### The Assessment

Please allow 1 hour for the assessment. You will be asked 2 maintenance related questions (show me / tell me) and expected to drive for approximately 45 minutes on a variety of road types and be asked to perform 2 reversing manoeuvres with the possibility of an emergency stop. There will be a 10 to 15 minute debrief at which point you will be advised of the result.

A maximum of 9 driving faults are allowed. If you exceed 9 driving faults or commit a serious or dangerous fault, this will result in a failure.

Please note that if you take your assessment in an automatic you will not be licenced by your authority to drive a manual vehicle.

**You may cancel or change the appointment date up to 5 working days prior to the test without incurring costs, after which you will not receive a refund and there will be no discount for rebooking.**

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## Green Penny

This company is based in Bedfordshire, but have assessors in the Sedgemoor area. Green Penny are unique as they are one of the few companies who still offer wheelchair / disability assessment training in addition to the standard driving test. Please refer to their website for current charges.

<http://www.greenpenny.co.uk/taxi-assessment-booking-form>

Their telephone number is 0844 870 2647

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