

**Subject:** **Emerging Left**

**Recap:** Turning Left. Gears. MSM

**Objective:**

- What* How to approach & emerge left from a minor into a major road.
- How* Look at the main points of emerging left and how the MSM routine should be applied, followed by on road practice.
- By the end* Be able to emerge left from a minor into a major road under full control and with due regard for other road users/pedestrians.

**Main Points:**

- Advance Info.** Look for clues on the approach to help identify the junction & plan ahead:  
Look for signs or road markings (Give Way/Stop) - try to assess if junction is....
- Open** You have a good, early view into the new road from both directions.  
Decision to go can be made early (must always stop if Stop sign though).
- Closed** View is obstructed (houses/trees/cars/bends). Can't see much of the new road.  
Be prepared to slow right down & stop (if req.) in order to look & find safe gap.
- Hazard** Junctions are hazards - MSM routine should be applied (MSPSL)
- Mirrors** Check speed/position of vehicles behind - Interior and left.
- Signal** Your intention to other road users/pedestrians - clearly and in good time.  
Note: If side road on left before junction ahead, delay signal (don't confuse).
- Position** Maintain normal position (1m from kerb) - Confirms intent to turn left (not park).
- Speed** Reduce speed on approach - Give Way or Stop? - Open or Closed?  
Open (and clear) - safe speed to make turn in control (2nd gear).  
Closed - Slow right down (1st gear), stop if necessary (prepare to move).
- Look** Effective observation in all directions at the earliest point you can see clearly.  
Note: Ensure to look left for obstructions/traffic overtaking on your side of road.  
Keep looking on the approach as you slow down or stop (if req.) to find a safe gap - must not cause other drivers to change speed or direction (**S**low down, **S**swerve, **S**top or **S**wear)
- Steering** Not too early (clip kerb) or too late (end up unsafely on wrong side of road)  
Don't swing out to the right before turning (maintain normal position throughout).
- After Turn** Check mirrors, make sure signal is cancelled & if safe, accelerate to a safe speed for road/conditions ASAP.

**References:** Driving the Essential Skills P. 154-156 Official Driving Test P. 39  
BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 45-46

**Any Questions?**