

Subject: **Crossing Traffic**

Recap: Right turns (major-minor) - Observations - Position

Objective:

- What* Consider crossing traffic safely and the use of the MSM routine.
- How* Discuss the main points of crossing traffic and the MSM routine followed by on road practice.
- By the end* Be better prepared to deal with crossing traffic situations and understand more about how the MSM routine should be applied.

Main Points:

What is it? Turning right from major to minor road (driveway) with oncoming traffic.

It is a hazard Because you will both need to use the same space - MSM hazard routine

- M** To find speed and position of any following vehicles.
- S** Your intention to other road users/pedestrians.
- P** As close to centre line as is safe - room for vehicles to pass on your left?
(If stopping, nose should be level with centre of minor road - don't cut corners)
- S** Slowing down - be prepared to stop and wait for safe gap if necessary.
Anticipate safe gaps in traffic on approach - adjust your speed to complete the turn without stopping (while moving, you can take advantage of smaller gaps).
- L** Is it safe to turn? Are there pedestrians or obstructions in the new road?
(Don't forget to check for vehicles overtaking on your right before you turn)

Priorities When turning right - vehicle crossing in front of another should give way and wait for a safe gap.

How to Judge What is a safe gap?
Could you walk across the road safely in front of that car?
If Yes, GO! - If No (or *Don't Know*), DON'T GO!
Your decision must not cause oncoming vehicles to *Stop*, *Slow* or *Swerve*.

References: Official Driving Test P. 42 - BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 83-85

Any Questions?