

## Private Practice – Coaching Tips

Manoeuvres	Information tips
Use of mirrors	This is something the ADI will stress right from the very first session. Look out and remind the learner driver of the importance of checking their mirrors.
Mirror – Signal – Manoeuvre (MSM)	This film clip demonstrates the use of mirrors and positioning on the road when making manoeuvres such as turning left. <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCYBcrOs6NE">www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCYBcrOs6NE</a> Watch that they are practicing MSM and remember in the Highway Code it says: Signal if necessary.
Moving off	Rule 59 Highway Code: Before moving off you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use all mirrors to check the road is clear</li> <li>• Look round to check the blind spots (the areas you are unable to see in the mirrors)</li> <li>• Signal if necessary before moving out</li> <li>• Look around for a final check.</li> </ul>
On the move	Keep to the left, unless road signs or markings indicate otherwise. The exceptions are when you want to overtake, turn right or pass parked vehicles or pedestrians in the road. Look out for other road users, especially cycles and motorcycles who may be filtering through the traffic. These are more difficult to see than larger vehicles and their riders are particularly vulnerable.
Left turns	Use your mirrors and give a left-turn signal well before you turn left. Do not overtake just before you turn left and watch out for traffic coming up on your left before you make the turn. Cyclists, motorcyclists and other road users in particular may be hidden from view.
Right turns	Well before turning right ensure that the learner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses their mirrors to make sure they know the position and movement of traffic behind them</li> <li>• Give a right-turn signal</li> <li>• Take up a position just left of the middle of the road or in the space marked for</li> </ul>

	<p>traffic turning right</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leave room for other vehicles to pass on the left, if possible</li> <li>• Avoid cutting the corner when making the turn.</li> </ul> <p>When turning right into a side road wait until there is a safe gap between you and any oncoming vehicles. The optimum point to make the right turn, or if you have to wait before making the turn is when the driver is looking down the centre of the right hand half of the road you are turning into.</p> <p>Take great care when turning into a main road; you will need to watch for traffic in both directions and wait for a safe gap.</p>
Overtaking	<p>Use the MSM technique and check mirrors, then signal when it is safe to do so, its sensible to take a quick sideways glance to check for blind spot area and then start to move out.</p>
Roundabouts	<p>Talk about the importance of looking well ahead for the advanced warning sign as this will give a clear picture of the layout of the roundabout and route directions. Ensure that the driver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gets into the correct lane in good time</li> <li>• Doesn't straddle the lanes</li> <li>• Never changes lanes at the last moment</li> <li>• Tells other road users of their intention by signalling.</li> </ul>
Hazards	<p>Talk about the hazards you come across during any practice drive. Experienced drivers will take many for granted, but this is not the case for a learner driver. They should understand that a hazard is any situation which could involve changing speed or course and can be static or moving.</p>

For further information refer to the Highway Code:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/using-the-road-159-to-203](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/using-the-road-159-to-203)