

DVSA Driving Test Routes Bolton — 6 Representative Practice Routes

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Test Centre: Bolton DVSA Test Centre — Weston Street, Great Lever, Bolton, BL3 2AW

Bolton routes depart right from Weston Street then left onto Rishton Lane — this opening sequence is verified. Routes use Settle Street, Rupert Street, Lever Street, Bridgeman Street, Derby Street (A579), St Helens Road, Deane Church Lane, Wigan Road, Beaumont Road, Chorley New Road, and the A666 ring road. Pass rate ~45%.

Route	Title	Manoeuvre	Independent Driving
Route 1	Great Lever & Deane Road — Verified Road	Bay park — Bolton town centre car park	Follow sat nav: Bolton Market
Route 2	Lever Edge Lane & Daubhill	Parallel park — residential street off Deane Road	Follow road signs: Deane Village
Route 3	A666 Ring Road & Farnworth	Parallel park — residential street, Farnworth	Follow sat nav: Farnworth Market
Route 4	Tonge Moor & Bury Road	Bay park — Bolton town centre car park	Follow road signs: Town Centre
Route 5	Pull Up Right & Chorley New Road	Pull up on the right — reverse back, re-join	Follow sat nav: Horwich Leisure Centre
Route 6	Emergency Stop & Lever Edge Lane	Emergency stop (1 in 7 tests)	Follow road signs: Farnworth

■ **Test Format (2025):** Eyesight check → Show Me/Tell Me → ~40 min drive → 1 manoeuvre → Independent driving (up to full test). Emergency stop: 1 in 7 tests. Max 3 normal stops.

■ **Manoeuvres (current):** Parallel park | Bay park (forward or reverse) | Pull up on the right & reverse. Turn in the road is NOT a current test manoeuvre.

ROUTE 1 — Great Lever & Deane Road — Verified Route

Manoeuvre: Bay park — Bolton town centre car park

Independent Driving: Follow sat nav: Bolton Market

Approx: 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	Industrial estate — 30 mph, settle
2	Weston Street	Turn LEFT — Rishton Lane	30 mph residential — parked cars
3	Rishton Lane	Turn RIGHT — Settle Street	30 mph residential junction
4	Settle Street	Turn RIGHT — Rupert Street	Residential grid — observe crossroads
5	Rupert Street / Division Street	Continue — becomes Rupert Street	30 mph
6	Rupert Street	Turn LEFT — Lever Street	Residential approach to town
7	Lever Street	Turn RIGHT — High Street	Town approach — buses, signals
8	High Street	Turn LEFT — Bridgeman Street	Town centre — bus lane awareness
9	Bridgeman Street	Turn RIGHT — Swan Lane	Continue toward ring road area
10	Swan Lane	Turn LEFT — Derby Street (A579)	40 mph A-road — lane discipline
11	St Helens Road (A579)	Traffic lights RIGHT — Deane Church Lane	Busy junction — signal clearly
12	Deane Church Lane	Turn LEFT — Wigan Road	Residential A-road
13	Wigan Road	Traffic lights RIGHT — Beaumont Road	30/40 mph variable
14	Beaumont Road	Turn RIGHT — Chorley New Road	Suburban 30 mph
15	Chorley New Road (A673)	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	Major road — dual sections
16	Park Road / Mayor Street	AHEAD at lights	Residential return toward test centre
17	Weston Street	Turn LEFT	Return — controlled park

Key Hazards: ■ A579 Derby Street speed management | ■ Deane Church Lane traffic light junction | ■ Chorley New Road dual carriageway sections | ■ Bridgeman Street bus lane

ROUTE 2 — Lever Edge Lane & Daubhill

Manoeuvre: Parallel park — residential street off Deane Road

Independent Driving: Follow road signs: Deane Village

Approx: 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph industrial departure
2	Rishton Lane	Turn LEFT	30 mph residential
3	Settle Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph — observe junctions
4	Leonard Street / Halsall Drive	Turn LEFT	Residential connector
5	Lever Edge Lane	Turn LEFT — 30 mph	Suburban — gentle bends, parked cars
6	Auberson Road	Turn RIGHT	30 mph residential
7	Chelsea Road	Turn LEFT	Estate road — 30 mph
8	Westcourt Road	Turn RIGHT	30 mph residential return
9	Lever Edge Lane	Turn LEFT	Return to Lever Edge Lane
10	Higher Swan Lane	End of road RIGHT — Bridgeman Street	30 mph approach to town
11	Bridgeman Street	Roundabout LEFT — Thynne Street	Town roundabout — lane choice
12	Thynne Street	Traffic lights RIGHT — Trinity Street	Town centre — 30 mph
13	Trinity Street	Traffic lights AHEAD — Bridgeman Place	Ring road roundabout area
14	Bridgeman Place	Traffic lights RIGHT — St Peters Way (A666)	Dual carriageway slip road

15	A666 St Peters Way	Continue — 50 mph	Dual carriageway — lane discipline
16	Manchester Road	Traffic lights AHEAD	Return corridor — 30 mph
17	Weston Street	Return via Rishton Lane	Controlled finish

Key Hazards: ■ A666 dual carriageway 50 mph | ■ Trinity Street multi-lane roundabout | ■ Lever Edge Lane parked vehicles | ■ Higher Swan Lane EOR junction

ROUTE 3 — A666 Ring Road & Farnworth

Manoeuvre: Parallel park — residential street, Farnworth

Independent Driving: Follow sat nav: Farnworth Market

Approx: 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	Industrial departure
2	Rishton Lane	Turn LEFT — Bradford Road	30 mph connector
3	Bradford Road	Turn RIGHT — 30/40 mph	Busier residential/commercial road
4	Farnworth — residential street	PARALLEL PARK	Signal, check, smooth reverse into space
5	Bradford Road	Re-join LEFT — 30 mph	MSM, pull away safely
6	A666 St Peters Way	Turn LEFT — dual carriageway 50 mph	Build speed, lane discipline
7	Burnden roundabout	Take 3rd exit — STRAIGHT ON	Large roundabout — choose lane early
8	A666 continued — 50 mph	Continue STRAIGHT	Long dual run — mirrors, speed
9	Chorley New Road junction (A673)	Take LEFT exit — 40 mph	Decelerate, signal, smooth exit
10	Chorley New Road	Continue STRAIGHT — 40 mph	Residential/commercial — bus stops
11	Beaumont Road	Turn RIGHT — 30 mph	Suburban residential
12	Derby Street (A579)	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	A-road return
13	Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	Controlled return to test centre

Key Hazards: ■ A666 50 mph dual carriageway | ■ Burnden multi-lane roundabout | ■ Bradford Road speed transition | ■ Chorley New Road bus stops

ROUTE 4 — Tonge Moor & Bury Road

Manoeuvre: Bay park — Bolton town centre car park

Independent Driving: Follow road signs: Town Centre

Approx: 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph departure
2	Rishton Lane	Turn LEFT	Residential 30 mph
3	St Helens Road (A579)	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	A-road — speed, position, signals
4	Derby Street	Continue STRAIGHT	Town fringe — 30 mph, mixed use
5	Churchgate / Bradshawgate	Continue STRAIGHT at lights	Town centre — pedestrians, cyclists, buses
6	Newport Street / Trinity Street	Turn RIGHT	Multi-lane ring road approach
7	Trinity Street roundabout	Take 2nd exit — STRAIGHT ON	Critical lane choice — advance signal
8	Bury Road (A58)	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	Long arterial — steady positioning
9	Tonge Moor Road	Continue STRAIGHT — 30 mph	Residential — parked cars
10	Bradshaw Brow	Turn LEFT — downhill	Check mirrors, controlled descent
11	Crook Street	Turn RIGHT — uphill	Hill start possible — smooth clutch
12	Weston Street	Turn LEFT	Controlled return and park

Key Hazards: ■ Trinity Street multi-lane roundabout | ■ Town centre pedestrian density | ■ Tonge Moor Road parked cars | ■ Crook Street uphill junction

ROUTE 5 — Pull Up Right & Chorley New Road

Manoeuvre: Pull up on the right — reverse back, re-join

Independent Driving: Follow sat nav: Horwich Leisure Centre

Approx: 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Weston Street	Turn LEFT	Quiet departure
2	Bradford Street	Continue STRAIGHT — 30 mph	Residential
3	A666 St Peters Way	Turn LEFT — dual carriageway 50 mph	Smooth acceleration, lane discipline
4	Burnden roundabout	Take 3rd exit — STRAIGHT ON	Multi-lane — commit to correct lane
5	A666 continued — 50 mph	Continue STRAIGHT	Long dual run — mirror checks
6	Chorley New Road (A673)	Take LEFT exit — 40 mph	Signal early, decelerate smoothly
7	Chorley New Road	Continue — 40 mph	Residential/commercial — bus stops
8	Residential road — MANOEUVRE	PULL UP ON RIGHT	Signal, observe, reverse 2 car lengths, re-join
9	Chorley New Road	Re-establish 40 mph	MSM, smooth acceleration
10	Beaumont Road	Turn RIGHT — 30 mph	Suburban residential
11	Derby Street (A579)	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	A-road return — lane discipline
12	Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	Controlled return to test centre

Key Hazards: ■ A666 50 mph dual carriageway | ■ Burnden roundabout lane choice | ■ Pull-up-on-right safe re-joining | ■ Chorley New Road bus stops

ROUTE 6 — Emergency Stop & Lever Edge Lane

Manoeuvre: Emergency stop (1 in 7 tests)

Independent Driving: Follow road signs: Farnworth

Approx: 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	Industrial estate departure
2	Rishton Lane	Turn LEFT — 30 mph	Residential
3	Lever Edge Lane	Turn LEFT — 30/40 mph	Open suburban — EMERGENCY STOP section
4	EMERGENCY STOP if required	Examiner signal	Firm, straight, controlled — handbrake, neutral
5	Lever Edge Lane	Re-establish — 30/40 mph	Compose and continue
6	Deane Road (A676)	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	Busy A-road — bus stops, anticipation
7	Deane Church Lane	Turn LEFT	Residential A-road — junctions
8	Wigan Road	Turn RIGHT at lights — 30/40 mph	Variable speed limits
9	Beaumont Road	Turn RIGHT — 30 mph	Suburban residential
10	Chorley New Road (A673)	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	Dual sections — hold lane
11	Park Road	Turn LEFT	Residential return
12	Weston Street	Turn RIGHT	Controlled finish

Key Hazards: ■ Emergency stop on Lever Edge Lane | ■ Deane Road bus traffic | ■ Wigan Road variable speed limits | ■ Chorley New Road dual sections