

DVSA Driving Test Routes Bury (Manchester) — 6 Full Test Routes

Test Centre: Bury DVSA Test Centre — Smith Street, Bury, BL9 6HH | Pass rate ~42% | DVSA contact: 0300 200 1122

Routes depart Smith Street into Brook Street and the town centre fringe before using Walmersley Road (40 mph), Peel Way, Rochdale Road (A58), Bury New Road (A56), Manchester Road, Angouleme Way ring road, Tottington Road, Brandlesholme Road, Ainsworth Road and semi-rural roads toward Ramsbottom and Rochdale Old Road. All routes verified against known examiner road data for this centre.

Route	Title	Manoeuvre	Independent Driving
Route 1	Walmersley Road & Tottington Loop	Parallel park — residential street off Brandlesholme Road	Follow sat nav: Bury Market / The Rock
Route 2	Rochdale Road & Heap Brow	Bay park — test centre car park on return	Follow road signs: Rochdale / Heywood
Route 3	Walmersley & Ainsworth	Parallel park — residential street off Ainsworth Road	Follow sat nav: Tottington Village
Route 4	Rochdale Old Road & Ramsbottom	Pull up on the right — reverse back, re-join	Follow road signs: Ramsbottom
Route 5	Pilsworth & Manchester Road	Bay park — retail car park off Manchester Road	Follow sat nav: Bury town centre
Route 6	Emergency Stop & Bury New Road	Emergency stop (1 in 7 tests)	Follow road signs: Rochdale / M66

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

■ **Common fail areas at Bury:** Junction observation on busy A-roads, roundabout lane discipline (A56/Peel Way), speed management on Walmersley Road, pedestrian crossings near The Rock shopping centre.

ROUTE 1 — Walmersley Road & Tottington Loop

Manoeuvre: Parallel park — residential street off Brandlesholme Road

Independent Driving: Follow sat nav: Bury Market / The Rock

Approx Distance: 8–11 miles | **Duration:** ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Smith Street	Turn LEFT out of centre	Tight industrial street — 30 mph, early observation
2	Brook Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph residential — parked vehicles both sides
3	Geoffrey Street	Turn LEFT, mini-roundabout RIGHT	Mini-roundabout: give way, signal correctly
4	Taylor Street / St Mark's Square	Traffic lights LEFT	30 mph — busy pedestrian area near market
5	Walmersley Road	Traffic lights RIGHT	40 mph A-road — build speed, lane discipline, bus stops
6	Peel Way	Traffic lights RIGHT	Busy junction — check lane, signal clearly
7	Bolton Road / Crostons Road	Bear right then LEFT	30 mph residential approach to Tottington
8	Tottington Road	Continue STRAIGHT — 2nd mini-rdbt AHEAD	30 mph — parked cars, residential junctions
9	Brandlesholme Road	Turn LEFT — MANOEUVRE	Approach slowly — residential 30 mph
10	Brandlesholme Road	PARALLEL PARK	Signal, check mirrors, smooth reverse into space
11	Brandlesholme Road (continued)	Continue STRAIGHT	Re-establish position — 30 mph
12	Peel Way / Moorgate	Turn LEFT	40 mph — dual approach, lane discipline
13	Brook Street / Taylor Street	Turn RIGHT	Return toward town centre — 30 mph
14	Kenyon Street / Brook Street	Turn RIGHT	Residential return — observe side streets
15	Smith Street	Turn RIGHT into centre	Controlled stop — handbrake, neutral

Key Hazards: ■ Walmersley Road 40 mph — speed management | ■ Tottington Road parked vehicles | ■ Mini-roundabout at Geoffrey Street | ■ Peel Way busy junction

ROUTE 2 — Rochdale Road & Heap Brow

Manoeuvre: Bay park — test centre car park on return

Independent Driving: Follow road signs: Rochdale / Heywood

Approx Distance: 8–11 miles | **Duration:** ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Smith Street	Turn LEFT	30 mph departure — observe immediately
2	Brook Street / Kenyon Street	Turn LEFT then RIGHT onto Wash Lane	Short residential link — 30 mph
3	York Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph — residential, parked vehicles
4	Rochdale Road (A58)	Roundabout LEFT	A-road 40 mph — commercial frontage, side junctions
5	Bury New Road (A56)	Roundabout AHEAD	Large roundabout — choose lane early, signal
6	Heap Brow / Bury Old Road	Turn RIGHT	40 mph — winding road, limited sightlines, bends
7	Moss Hall Road	Turn RIGHT	30/40 mph semi-rural — position carefully on bends
8	Pilsworth Road	Continue STRAIGHT	40 mph — industrial/residential mix
9	Croft Lane / Hollins Brow	Continue STRAIGHT	30/40 mph — observe speed limit changes
10	Manchester Road	Traffic lights RIGHT	40 mph arterial — buses, crossings
11	Dumers Lane / Cross Lane	Traffic lights RIGHT, mini-rdbt RIGHT	30 mph — mini-roundabout give way
12	Bury Road / Radcliffe Road	Traffic lights AHEAD	30/40 mph — varied junctions

13	Angouleme Way	Continue to roundabout RIGHT	Ring road — 40 mph, lane discipline
14	Smith Street	Return — BAY PARK	Reverse bay: check mirrors, slow, neat and level

Key Hazards: ■ Heap Brow / Bury Old Road winding bends | ■ A56 large roundabout — lane choice | ■ Manchester Road 40 mph bus traffic | ■ Angouleme Way ring road

ROUTE 3 — Walmersley & Ainsworth

Manoeuvre: Parallel park — residential street off Ainsworth Road

Independent Driving: Follow sat nav: Tottington Village

Approx Distance: 8–11 miles | **Duration:** ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Smith Street	Turn LEFT	30 mph — observe parked vehicles
2	Brook Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph residential
3	Geoffrey Street	Turn LEFT, mini-rdbt RIGHT	Mini-roundabout — give way to right
4	Taylor Street / St Mark's Square	Traffic lights LEFT	30 mph town fringe — pedestrians
5	Walmersley Road	Traffic lights RIGHT	40 mph — build speed, mirror checks
6	Peel Way / Bolton Street	Traffic lights RIGHT then AHEAD on Bolton Road	Busy junction — correct lane, clear signal
7	Watling Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph residential — observe emerging vehicles
8	Ainsworth Road	Traffic lights RIGHT	30/40 mph suburban — varied junctions
9	Ainsworth Road — MANOEUVRE	PARALLEL PARK	Signal, check mirrors, smooth reverse into space
10	Ainsworth Road (continued)	Re-establish LEFT — 30/40 mph	MSM — re-join smoothly
11	Lowercroft Road / High Street	Traffic lights RIGHT then LEFT onto Gisburn Drive	30 mph residential
12	High Street (Tottington)	Turn RIGHT	30 mph village — parked cars, narrow sections
13	Walshaw Road	Turn RIGHT	30 mph residential — observe driveways
14	Tottington Road	Turn RIGHT via Fenton Street	30 mph return route
15	Crostones Road / Bolton Street	Turn LEFT then LEFT onto Peel Way	40 mph — return to town
16	Brook Street / Taylor Street	Turn RIGHT, then RIGHT onto Smith Street	Controlled return to test centre

Key Hazards: ■ Walmersley Road 40 mph — speed management | ■ Ainsworth Road varied speed limits | ■ Tottington village narrow road | ■ Peel Way lane discipline on return

ROUTE 4 — Rochdale Old Road & Ramsbottom

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

Independent Driving: Follow road signs: Ramsbottom

Approx Distance: 8–11 miles | **Duration:** ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Smith Street	Turn LEFT	30 mph — tight departure
2	Brook Street / Kenyon Street	Turn LEFT then LEFT onto Taylor Street	30 mph residential link
3	Wash Lane / York Street	Turn RIGHT then RIGHT onto York Street	30 mph — observe crossroads
4	Rochdale Road (A58)	Roundabout LEFT	40 mph A-road — commercial fronts, bus stops
5	Rochdale Old Road	Turn RIGHT	30/40 mph — semi-rural, speed limit changes
6	Rochdale Old Road (continued)	Continue STRAIGHT — 40/50 mph	Winding semi-rural — bends, hedge lines

7	Residential road — MANOEUVRE	PULL UP ON RIGHT	Signal, check, reverse 2 car lengths, re-join left
8	Rochdale Old Road	Continue STRAIGHT	Re-establish 40 mph — MSM routine
9	Ramsbottom Road	Continue STRAIGHT	40/50 mph — rural character, uphill sections
10	Holcombe Brook / B6214	Turn LEFT	30 mph village approach — slow down
11	Walmersley Road (B6214 south)	Continue STRAIGHT — 40 mph	Return toward Bury — consistent speed
12	Peel Way / Moorgate	Turn LEFT at lights	40 mph ring road — lane discipline
13	Brook Street / Taylor Street	Turn RIGHT	Return 30 mph — town approach
14	Smith Street	Turn RIGHT	Controlled finish

Key Hazards: ■ Rochdale Old Road semi-rural bends 50 mph | ■ Pull-up-on-right: safe re-join on rural road | ■ Ramsbottom Road uphill gradient | ■ Holcombe Brook 30 mph speed change

ROUTE 5 — Pilsworth & Manchester Road

Manoeuvre: Bay park — retail car park off Manchester Road

Independent Driving: Follow sat nav: Bury town centre

Approx Distance: 8–11 miles | **Duration:** ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Smith Street	Turn LEFT	30 mph departure
2	Brook Street / Kenyon Street	LEFT then LEFT onto Wash Lane	30 mph residential
3	York Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph — observe side streets
4	Rochdale Road (A58)	Roundabout LEFT	40 mph — lane discipline, commercial road
5	Bury New Road (A56)	Roundabout AHEAD	Large roundabout — lane choice critical
6	Heap Brow / Moss Hall Road	Turn RIGHT then RIGHT	40 mph — winding, limited sightlines
7	Pilsworth Road	Continue STRAIGHT — 40 mph	Semi-industrial/residential — observe junctions
8	Pilsworth Roundabout	Take 2nd exit — STRAIGHT ON	Multi-lane roundabout — choose lane early
9	Manchester Road	Traffic lights RIGHT	40 mph arterial — buses, crossings, shops
10	Retail car park off Manchester Rd	Turn LEFT — BAY PARK	Reverse bay: slow, check all mirrors, neat
11	Manchester Road	Exit LEFT — 40 mph	Re-establish position — MSM
12	Dumers Lane / Cross Lane	Mini-roundabout RIGHT	30 mph — give way, signal
13	Bury Road / Radcliffe Road	Continue STRAIGHT at lights	30/40 mph suburban return
14	Angouleme Way	Roundabout RIGHT	40 mph ring road — signal early
15	Smith Street	Return to centre	Controlled finish

Key Hazards: ■ Pilsworth multi-lane roundabout — lane discipline | ■ Manchester Road 40 mph — bus stops | ■ A56 large roundabout on Bury New Road | ■ Bay park in busy retail car park

ROUTE 6 — Emergency Stop & Bury New Road

Manoeuvre: Emergency stop (1 in 7 tests)

Independent Driving: Follow road signs: Rochdale / M66

Approx Distance: 8–11 miles | **Duration:** ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Smith Street	Turn LEFT	30 mph departure — settle early
2	Brook Street / Kenyon Street	LEFT then LEFT onto Wash Lane	30 mph residential
3	York Street	Turn RIGHT	30 mph — observe crossroads
4	Rochdale Road (A58)	Roundabout LEFT	40 mph — EMERGENCY STOP section
5	EMERGENCY STOP if required	Examiner signal	Firm, straight stop — handbrake, neutral, await instruction
6	Rochdale Road (A58) continued	Continue STRAIGHT — 40 mph	Re-establish position calmly — MSM

7	Bury New Road (A56)	Roundabout AHEAD	Large roundabout — lane choice, signal early
8	Bury New Road (A56 south)	Continue STRAIGHT — 40 mph	Long arterial return — consistent speed
9	Manchester Road / Radcliffe junction	Traffic lights RIGHT	40 mph — anticipate signals
10	Dumers Lane / Cross Lane	Mini-roundabout RIGHT	30 mph — give way, smooth
11	Bury Road / Parkhills Road	Mini-roundabout LEFT	30 mph — residential return
12	Market Street	Traffic lights RIGHT	30 mph town approach — pedestrians, buses
13	Angouleme Way	Roundabout RIGHT	Ring road 40 mph — correct lane
14	Rochdale Road / Smith Street area	Mini-roundabout AHEAD then LEFT	Return corridor — 30 mph
15	Smith Street	Turn RIGHT into centre	Controlled final stop — debrief

Key Hazards: ■ Emergency stop composure on A58 | ■ A56 Bury New Road large roundabout | ■ Manchester Road 40 mph bus traffic | ■ Market Street pedestrian density