

HOW TO PASS THE STATE EXAM

The Final 24 Hours Before Your Exam

1. Take a day off from work.
2. Review the **Update, Salesperson Prep Outline, Final Briefing, and Glossary.**
3. Take at least one complete practice exams totaling 150 questions, using the test taking techniques described on Page FB-4. Grade yourself. If you get a score of 90% or better, you are ready to pass the state exam. If you score between 85% and 89%, it could go either way, and luck will be a real factor when you take your test. If you score below 85% correct, you are not ready to pass the state exam, and I recommend you consider rescheduling your exam.
4. **Take a break** during your study day to get some exercise. Studies show that light exercise clears your mind, improves your thinking, and raises your performance on exams.
5. Print driving directions to the exam (found on the DRE website: www.dre.ca.gov). Check Google for the best route to take to the exam site.
6. Get a good night's sleep.
7. Have a healthy and nutritious breakfast the morning of your exam – a healthy breakfast can improve your test results.
8. Leave early for your exam. Give yourself extra time for the drive. If you find yourself running late, stay calm, drive carefully and consider rescheduling your exam.

What You Should Bring To The Exam

1. Print or copy to your phone the confirmation of your scheduled exam which tells you exactly where and when you are taking the exam. This is your admission letter to the test. Read the letter carefully and be on time. If you forgot to bring it with you don't worry, you should be able to get in with your proper ID.
2. Photo ID (Driver's License, Passport, California ID Card).
3. Wear comfortable lightweight clothing. Bring a jacket since the room may be cold.
4. Bring \$50.00 for gas, parking, food and drink.
5. **Remember** to bring the driving directions, exam address and start time of the exam.

What You Should NOT Bring To The Exam

DRE Publication INSTRUCTIONS TO LICENSE APPLICANTS reads in part:

"Exam Room Security - For security reasons, the following items are not permitted inside the examination room: backpacks, briefcases, suitcases, food, drink, study materials, tablets, portable computers, PDAs, personal calculators, cameras, video or digital recording devices, watches, lapel pins, tie tacks, and other items deemed inappropriate by exam proctors. Basic calculators are provided for your use; therefore, a personal calculator will not be allowed. Cell phone use is prohibited during the examination, and while on break from the examination. All cell phones must be turned off and surrendered before entering the exam room. The DRE will not be responsible for lost or stolen items at the exam site."