

New Hampshire Department of Safety
Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services

Driver Operator: All Vehicles

Practical Evaluation Package

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Aligned with:

NFPA 1002 Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications, 2017
Edition Chapter 4 —General Requirements



This package shall be provided to each student at the beginning of the program during orientation. Each practical skills proctor shall also be given this skills package. FOR PROGRAM USE ONLY

Standards Alignment

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**Skill Sheet DOAV-1-B
 Emergency Vehicle Check – Brakes
 NFPA 1002-2017: 4.2.1 & 4.2.2**

Candidate Number: _____ **Date:** _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

Vehicle Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews Vehicle Records (As applicable) 	1	
Chassis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks Air Compressor • Checks Air Tanks & Drains • Checks Air Lines • Checks Air Drier • Checks Brake Drums / Rotors & Calipers • Checks Brake Shoes / Pads • Checks Slack Adjustor 	1	
In-Cab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks Air Leakage Rate • Checks Low Air Pressure Alarm • Verifies that Parking Brake Applies • Checks Air Pressure Build-Up Rate • Checks Compressor Cut-In Pressure • Checks Compressor Cut-Out Pressure • Checks Parking Brake Operation • Checks Service Brake Operation 	1	
Documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes Vehicle Check Form • Completes Vehicle Maintenance / Repair Form if deficiencies are found 	1	
	4	

Critical Criteria:
 ____ Fails to correctly complete 4 steps

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**Skill Sheet DOAV-1-C
 Emergency Vehicle Check – Cab
 NFPA 1002-2017: 4.2.1 & 4.2.2**

Candidate Number: _____ **Date:** _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

Vehicle Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews Vehicle Records (As applicable) 	1	
Cab Check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks Mirrors • Checks Safety Equipment / Paperwork • Checks Gauges / Instruments / Indicators • Checks Steering / Throttle / Transmission Selector / Brake Controls • Checks Horn (s) • Checks Lighting Controls 	1	
Documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes Vehicle Check Form • Completes Vehicle Maintenance / Repair Form if deficiencies are found 	1	
	3	

Critical Criteria:
 ____ Fails to correctly complete 3 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-1-EC
Emergency Vehicle Check – Engine Compartment
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.2.1 & 4.2.2

Candidate Number: _____ **Date:** _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

Vehicle Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews Vehicle Records (As applicable) 	1	
Engine Compartment Check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks Engine & Transmission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obvious Leaks - Engine Oil - Belts - Transmission Fluid • Checks Coolant System • Checks Exhaust System • Checks Electrical System • Checks Axle & Suspension • Checks Wheels & Tires 	1	
Documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes Vehicle Check Form • Completes Vehicle Maintenance / Repair Form if deficiencies are found 	1	
	3	

Critical Criteria:
 ____ Fails to correctly complete 3 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-1-EX
Emergency Vehicle Check – Exterior
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.2.1 & 4.2.2

Candidate Number: _____ **Date:** _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

Vehicle Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews Vehicle Records (As applicable) 	1	
Exterior Check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks Lights • Checks Windshield / Windows / Mirrors • Checks Windshield Wipers / Washers • Checks Cab Doors & Latches • Checks Body / Doors & Latches / Exterior Equipment • Checks Fuel Tank & Cap / DEF Tank & Cap • Checks License Plate • Checks Electrical Wiring • Checks Exhaust System Components • Checks Frame Rails & Cross Members • Checks Driveshaft / Rear Axle(s) / Differential • Checks Rear Wheels & Tires • Checks Splash Guards 	1	
Documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes Vehicle Check Form • Completes Vehicle Maintenance / Repair Form if deficiencies are found 	1	
	3	

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 ___ Fails to correctly complete 3 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-2
Basic Driving Skills
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.3.1

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Completes a 360° Vehicle Safety Check.	1	
Enters cab safely. Adjusts driver's seat, steering wheel, and mirrors.	1	
Fastens seat belt.	1	
Confirms that the vehicle is safe to move (crew seated and belted; equipment in cab secure).	1	
Correctly performs all maneuvers on the predetermined route.	1	
Maintains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe following distance. • Control of the vehicle while accelerating and braking. • Control of the vehicle while cornering and turning. • Reasonable speed for prevailing conditions (Roadway, weather, traffic) 	1	
Maintains an awareness of vehicle gauges, instruments, and indicators.	1	
Operates vehicle in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, and procedures.	1	
	8	

Critical Criteria:

___ Fails to correctly complete 8 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-3
Restricted Clearance Backing (Alley Dock)
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.3.2

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Drivers forward into the lane and passes the dock.	1	
Verifies that a safety observer is in place prior to backing the vehicle.	1	
Backs the vehicle into the dock without striking any cones.	1	
Immediately stops the vehicle if the safety observer moves out of view.	1	
	4	

Critical Criteria:

____ Fails to correctly complete 4 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-4
Roadway Obstructions (Serpentine)
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.3.3

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Drives the vehicle in a straight line along the left side of the cones without striking any cones.	1	
Verifies that a safety observer is in place prior to backing the vehicle.	1	
Backs the vehicle to the Left of Cone 1, to the Right of Cone 2, and to the Left of Cone 3 without striking any cones.	1	
Immediately stops the vehicle if the safety observer moves out of view.	1	
Drives the vehicle forward to the Right of Cone 3, to the Left of Cone 2, and to the Right of Cone 1 without striking any cones.	1	
	5	

Critical Criteria:

_____ Fails to correctly complete 5 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-5
Confined Space Turnaround
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.3.4

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Drives into the confined space via the designated opening without striking any cones.	1	
Turns the vehicle 180° within the confined space without positioning the vehicle over the boundary line formed by the cones and without striking any cones.	1	
Verifies that a safety observer is in place prior to backing the vehicle.	1	
Immediately stops the vehicle if the safety observer moves out of view.	1	
Drives out of the confined space via the designated opening without striking any cones.	1	
	5	

Critical Criteria:

_____ Fails to correctly complete 5 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-6
Restricted Horizontal & Vertical Clearances
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.3.5

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Horizontal Clearance		
Drives the vehicle through the diminishing clearance lane and stops at the designated mark without striking any cones.	1	
Verifies that a safety observer is in place prior to backing the vehicle.	1	
Backs the vehicle through the diminishing clearance lane and stops at the designated mark without striking any cones.	1	
Immediately stops the vehicle if the safety observer moves out of view.	1	
Vertical Clearance		
Determines if the vehicle will safely fit under the simulated vertical height restriction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If YES: Drives into the designated area. • If NO: Informs the evaluator that there is not sufficient clearance for forward travel. 	1	
Verifies that a safety observer is in place prior to backing the vehicle.	1	
Backs the vehicle to the designated starting point.	1	
Immediately stops the vehicle if the safety observer moves out of view.	1	
	8	

Critical Criteria:

____ Fails to correctly complete 8 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-7
Defensive Driving Skills
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.3.6

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Identifies an imminent hazardous condition or situation that may / will result in a collision.	1	
Takes appropriate action to avoid a collision (evasive maneuvering, emergency braking, acceleration, etc.)	1	
Maintains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control of the vehicle while accelerating or braking. • Control of the vehicle while cornering or turning. • Distance away from the object to prevent a collision. 	1	
Operates the vehicle in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, and procedures.	1	
	4	

Critical Criteria:

_____ Fails to correctly complete 4 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-8
Fixed System Operation
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.3.7

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Checks system / equipment: ensures system / equipment is safe to operate prior to use (checks for damage, general condition, oil level, leaks, etc.).	1	
Correctly deploys, engages, and energizes the system / equipment per manufacturer's specifications and instructions and applicable policies and procedures.	1	
Monitors system / equipment for problems while in use.	1	
Correctly disengages and stows system / equipment per manufacturer's specifications and instructions and applicable policies and procedures.	1	
	4	

Critical Criteria:

_____ Fails to correctly complete 4 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-9
Emergency Response Initiation
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.4.1

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Vehicle Used: _____

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Receives an emergency call; obtains pertinent information.	1	
Completes a 360° Vehicle Safety Check.	1	
Enters cab safely. Adjusts driver's seat, steering wheel, and mirrors.	1	
Fastens seat belt.	1	
Confirms that the vehicle is safe to respond (crew seated and belted; equipment in cab secure).	1	
	5	

Critical Criteria:

_____ Fails to correctly complete 5 steps

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Skill Sheet DOAV-10
Telephone Procedures
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.4.2

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Answers telephone promptly; identifies self and department / agency.	1	
Obtains the following information from the caller: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of the emergency / request for service • Location • Caller's name • Call-back telephone number 	1	
Records necessary information.	1	
Provides appropriate follow-up information to the caller (safety information, instructions to evacuate the structure, instructions to call 911, etc.).	1	
	4	

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Skill Sheet DOAV-10
Radio Procedures
NFPA 1002-2017: 4.4.3

Candidate Number: _____ Date: _____

1st Attempt / Retest Pass / Fail

Evaluator: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
Verifies the absence of other radio traffic prior to transmitting.	1	
Holds radio microphone 1-2 inches away from mouth.	1	
Identifies who the message is directed to, identifies self/unit, and waits for a response.	1	
Transmits a message that is clear, concise, and accurate.	1	
Speaks calmly, clearly, distinctly, and at an appropriate speed.	1	
Acknowledges that the message has been received.	1	
Corrects any inaccurate information/messages.	1	
	7	

Critical Criteria:

_____ Fails to correctly complete 7 steps

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