

Learn To Drive Evaluation Requirements

No.	Requirement	Evidence
7.0	Basic Ringwork/Reinback	
7.1	Identify the basic layout and lettering of a 40m x 80m dressage ring	<i>Shall identify the letters and position of these letters in a standard-sized arena Shall describe the position of the letters in the arena i.e. C & A at the mid-point of the short sides, K, H, M & F ten meters from corners on long sides, E & B mid-point on the long sides. Shall also describe position of centerline letters D, X and G.</i>
7.2	Drive straight lines in the ring, on and off the rail and on the diagonal	<i>Shall demonstrate speed and directional control while working in straight lines on the rail, off the rail, on quarter lines/center line and on the long and short diagonals</i>
7.3	Describe and demonstrate aids for obtaining correct bend through corners and on circles/serpentines	<i>Shall be able to discuss several techniques for developing correct bend. Any number of different methods may be used. Some discussion of the purpose of the outside rein (supporting; maintaining the size of the circle; prevention of dropping of the shoulder) and of the inside rein (development of bend, suppling aid) shall be provided.</i>
7.4	Demonstrate changes of rein across the diagonal	<i>Must identify appropriate landmarks in the arena (i.e. letters) to use as start/end points for diagonal changes. Shall describe and demonstrate diagonal changes on the long diagonal and short diagonal</i>
7.5	Demonstrate gait changes using the letters of the dressage ring as guides.	<i>Shall demonstrate progressive and non-progressive gait changes using dressage letters (both marked and centerline). Shall describe correct timing of gait changes i.e. when nose of the horse is at the mark.</i>
7.6	Demonstrate the correct aids to obtain a controlled and smooth reinback	<i>Should describe a correct reinback – starting from a square halt on the bit, moving straight back with diagonal pairs of legs. Moving backwards in a controlled, unrushed manner, with no resistance from the horse. Horse to step forward readily at the end of the movement. Demonstrate a reinback using correct aids – even contact on the lines, enough contact to obtain the reinback without rushing the horse. Softening of contact and encouraging the horse to walk on at the end of the reinback.</i>