

DIS Pre-Qualification Changes

Beginning Fall 2023, changes are being made to Driving Instructor School (DIS) Pre-Qualification. Candidates will now complete 2 separate courses, both of which provide an opportunity to become eligible to attend DIS. Both courses will be completed on the same day. Candidates must complete both course offerings.

The first course is the existing 6-cone serpentine pre-qualification course. All the existing grading criteria will remain and as is standard practice, an Academy Staff Driving Instructor will ride with each candidate.

The second course is the Response Operations Course (R.O.C.). The DIS grading criteria for the R.O.C. will remain the same except for an adjustment for the time. The time adjustment will be outlined below. Candidates will be provided with one demo run by a staff member. Candidates will then complete one mandatory practice run and 2 grade attempts. During the practice and grade attempts, an Academy Staff Driving Instructor will shadow each candidate through the course.

The DIS grading criteria for the R.O.C. will remain the same except for a time adjustment. The time will change to 4:15 or under (DRY) and 4:35 or under (WET). However, this time adjustment will only exist for the pre-qualification attempts. Candidates will still have to pass the R.O.C. during DIS class with the original course time of 4:00 and under (DRY) or 4:20 and under (WET).

The following table provides all possible course outcomes and a candidate's subsequent eligibility status.

	Serpentine Pre-Qual	R.O.C. Pre-Qual	Eligibility Status
1	FAIL	FAIL	NOT Eligible
2	PASS	FAIL	Eligible
3	FAIL	PASS	Eligible
4	PASS	PASS	*Eligible

**If a candidate passes the serpentine pre-qualification and subsequently passes the R.O.C. with a time of 4:15 or under (DRY) and 4:35 or under (WET), they are eligible to attend DIS. If a candidate passes the serpentine pre-qualification and subsequently passes the R.O.C. with a time of 4:00 or under (DRY) and 4:20 or under (WET), the R.O.C. qualification will count towards the candidate's daytime qualification when they attend DIS. The candidate must still complete the nighttime qualification and the written test during DIS.*

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Academy Driving Range Staff.