

Aptitude Tests

Light-Duty Motor Truck

Transportation Businesses



The aptitude tests are designed to identify a driver's unique habit of driving by assessing both his/her psychological and physiological functionalities, including personality, orientation for safe driving, ability to recognize and process information, and visual acuity. Based on such an assessment, we offer detailed advice in order to help the driver drive safely. An ordinance by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism mandates that a person newly hired as a driver, a senior driver, and a driver who has caused a motor vehicle accident are to take aptitude tests approved by the Ministry.

(Paragraph 2, Article 10 of the Regulations for Motor Truck Transportation Business Transportation Safety)

Types of Aptitude Tests

	Test Subjects	Test Time
<p>1 Mandatory</p> <p>Novice Driver Test</p> <p>Fee: ¥4,800</p> <p>Time required: Approx. 1 hour 40 min.</p>	<p>Persons operating a commercial vehicle for the first time as a driver</p>	<p>The Novice Driver Test must be taken before the driver first drives a commercial vehicle for the light-duty motor truck transportation business they belong to (or within one month of driving the vehicle in the event of unavoidable circumstances).</p> <p>However, persons who have taken the Novice Driver Test within the three years prior to their first driving a commercial vehicle for the said light-duty motor truck transportation business are not subject to this test.</p>
<p>2 Mandatory</p> <p>Driver Test</p> <p>Fee: ¥4,800</p> <p>Time required: Approx. 1 hour 40 min.</p>	<p>Senior Drivers (age 65 or over)</p>	<p>Within one year after his/her 65th birthday, a driver who has turned 65 must take an aptitude test designed for a senior driver, and the said driver must take the said aptitude test once every three years thereafter.</p>
<p>3 Mandatory</p> <p>Specific Test I</p> <p>Fee: ¥9,300</p> <p>Time required: Approx. 2 hours</p>	<p>Persons who have caused traffic accidents resulting in death or serious injury and have not caused an accident in the year prior to the accident in question, or persons who have caused an accident resulting in minor injury and have caused an accident in the 3 years prior to the accident in question.</p>	<p>After causing the said accident and before resuming his/her service as a driver, the said driver must take an aptitude test designed for a driver who has caused an accident as specified in the left column. Such a test must have been approved by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. However, under unavoidable circumstances, the said driver may take the test within one month of resuming his/her service.</p>
<p>4 Mandatory</p> <p>Specific Test II</p> <p>Fee: ¥29,900</p> <p>Time required: Approx. 5 hours</p>	<p>Persons who have caused traffic accidents resulting in death or serious injury and have caused an accident in the year prior to the accident in question.</p>	<p>After causing the said accident and before resuming his/her service as a driver, the said driver must take an aptitude test designed for a driver who has caused an accident as specified in the left column. Such a test must have been approved by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. However, under unavoidable circumstances, the said driver may take the test within one month of resuming his/her service.</p>
<p>*Grace period for existing businesses in the light-duty motor truck transportation business (businesses who filed their business notification on or before March 31, 2025)</p> <p>For existing businesses, the application of the special guidance guidelines is deferred until March 31, 2028. Ensure drivers falling under the following categories take the required aptitude test before the grace period expires.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers who have never taken the Novice Driver Test.....Novice Driver Test • Drivers aged 65 or olderDriver Test • Drivers who qualify as a driver who has caused a motor vehicle accident on or after April 1, 2025.....Specific Test 		
<p>5 Optional</p> <p>General Test</p> <p>Fee: ¥2,400</p>	<p>This test scientifically measures psychological and physiological attributes to identify the necessary characteristics for safe driving.</p>	
<p>6 Optional</p> <p>Special Test</p> <p>Fee: ¥10,300</p>	<p>For those who have taken the general test, this test identifies with greater precision the characteristics of a person's driving tendencies. Based on the results, along with the individual's driving record, advice and guidance are provided on types of driving behavior needed to avoid traffic accidents.</p>	

7 Optional

**Periodic Test
with Counseling**

Fee: ¥4,800
General test fee +
¥2,400)

For those who have taken the general test a NASVA counselor helps the individual to look at his or her driving habits and reflect on how to drive more safely by examining the test results and his or her driving habits.

*The national consumption tax and local consumption tax are included in the service fee.

Introduction to NASVA' s Aptitude Tests

Make a booking [Book online via the NASVA website](#)

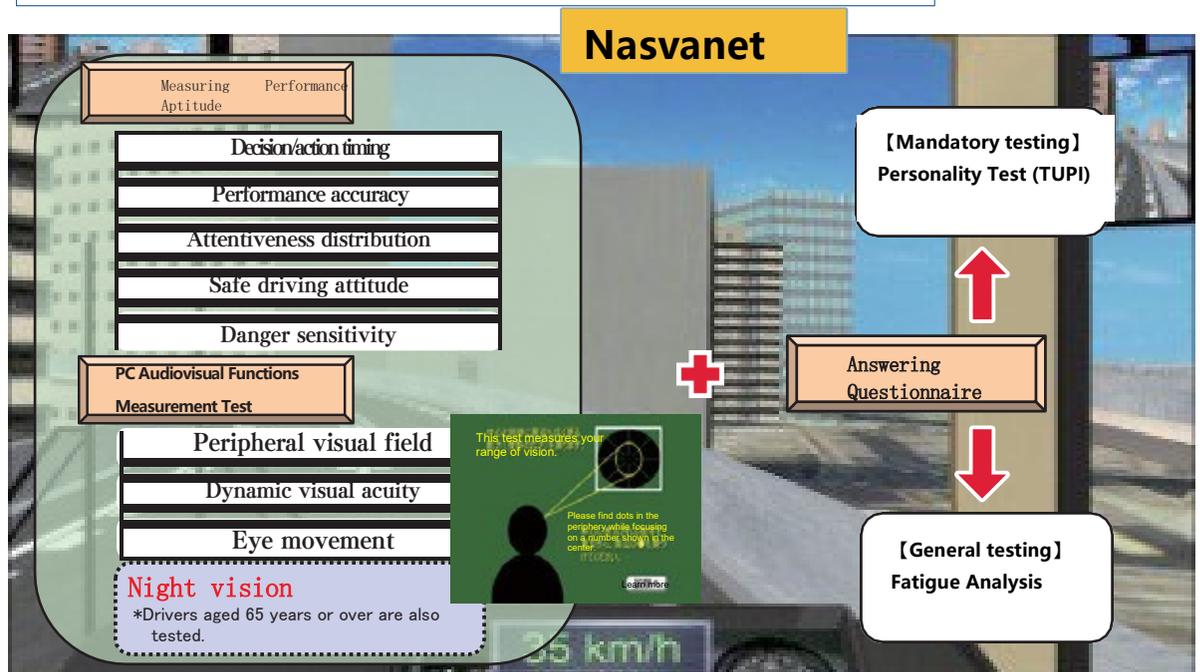
- * Bookings are made on a first come, first served basis, Spaces are limited on each test day. Please note that some dates are not available for testing due to other events.
- * We will issue a user ID and a password to make an online booking. Please contact using the NASVA website Light-Duty Cargo (Sole Proprietor) Application Form. Please note that depending on the scale and structure of your local branch office, we may handle your inquiry over the phone.

Booking confirmed

- * We confirm the name of business operator, test(s) to be taken, and name of person taking the test(s), and other relevant information.
- * We go over the fees and payment methods with you.

Taking the test

Testing we offer (What is measured will vary depending on test types.)



Receive diagnostics, advice and guidance

- Receive a Diagnostics which includes your strengths, areas for improvement, and comparative data with the tests you took previously.
- The business operator (the employer) also receives Feedback and Suggestions, which can be used to help the driver improve their safety awareness.
- NASVA counselors are available to help the driver improve their safety awareness by offering counseling based on the test results. This service is available after all testing except for General testing.

(Sample of novice driver test results)

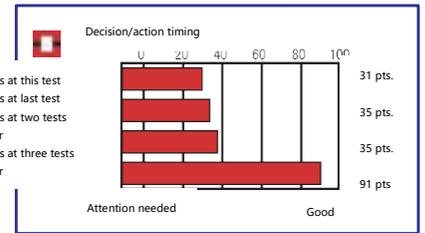


(Sample of advice by measurement category)



(Comparison with previous test results)

*It can be shown only for tests from the same business operator.



(An advising session)



Testing completed

Please make use of the advice given to ensure safe driving and to prevent motor vehicle accidents. We hope the advice benefits the driver as well as the business operator, vehicle operation manager, and coach for safe driving

Making Use of the List of Guidance Points for Vehicle Operation Managers

A list of guidance points for vehicle operation managers is created for each test taker that summarizes the points to cover when looking at the aptitude test results and offering safe driving guidance, something given to safety managers and those who are in charge of safe driving guidance.

Keywords and comments are provided within the list of guidance points for vehicle operation managers that can be used, for example, to praise the test taker on high-scoring areas or encourage caution in other areas.

(Sample of list of guidance points for vehicle operation managers)

● High-scoring areas and areas deserving of praise

○ 判断・動作のタイミングについて
【受診者が優れている点】
タイミングよく適応した処置をとることができます。
【キーワード】
タイミングよく適応した処置ができる点を認めてあげてください。

● Areas requiring caution

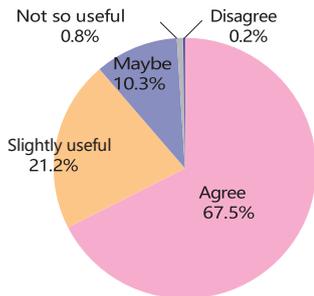
○ 動作の正確さについて
【受診者に指導する点】
動作は正確なのですが、判断や反応動作にかかる時間にムラがあるようです。「確認運転」「慎重運転」を指導してください。
【キーワード】
すばやく正確に操作ができる点を認めてあげてください。
【コメント】
・自分からあえて危険な状況をつくらないこと。

Advantages of the Aptitude Tests

Highly rated by drivers and business operators as shown below.

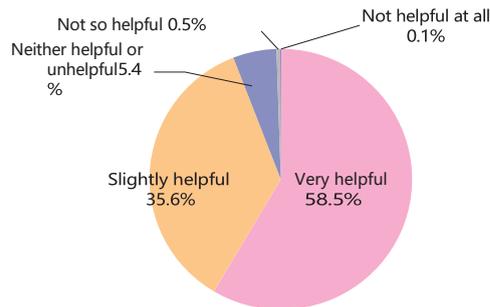
7,690 drivers responded:

For your daily driving, do you intend to make use of the suggestions (information) given in the Diagnostics?



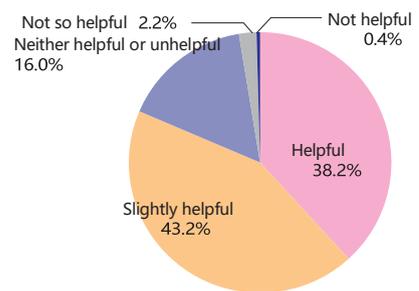
3,620 drivers responded:

Do you think the advice and counseling session will be helpful for you to prevent vehicle accidents?



463 business operators responded

Do you find the NASVA's Aptitude Tests helpful for your company to prevent vehicle accidents?



Source: Survey on Satisfaction for Driving Workshop and Aptitude Testing, Fiscal Year 2018

Use of Systematic Safe Driving Guidance and Aptitude Tests

Have you found it effective for your drivers to take the aptitude tests repeatedly?



Over 90% of vehicle operation managers agreed that they felt having drivers take the aptitude tests **periodically** has **helped avoid** traffic accidents.

Our Periodic Diagnostic Service with Counseling Has Gained Popularity

As the driver reviews the Diagnostics given after the aptitude testing, NASVA' s counseling helps the driver reflect on their own driving habits and consider manners for safe driving to be adopted. We encourage the driver to reflect on their daily practice of driving and, in particular, what part of their tendencies is prone to shape their driving experience. We then ask the driver to state their goals to ensure safe driving.

Sample reasons for having their drivers take the tests with counseling service (reasons given by business operators)

- To re-educate the driver who has caused a minor accident.
- To augment the periodic general test taking.
- The business does not have sufficient time or know-how to provide post-test instructions.
- The driving habits of drivers who went through counseling have changed for the better.

Comments from Drivers

- It was very good to be able to check on my driving habits that I am usually unaware of.
- NASVA' s counselors were great listeners – they put themselves in our shoes. They were also excellent at giving useful tips for safe driving and explaining potential dangers.
- I think the counseling was very helpful to ensure I drive more safely.

Customer Satisfaction

Percentage of our customers who felt that our counseling service offered with our periodic diagnostics has been helpful to ensure safe driving:

Neither helpful nor unhelpful

2.2%

97.8%
found it helpful!

Slightly helpful

22.0%

Very helpful
75.8%

Review and reflection are of vital importance in preventing vehicle accidents.

Let us review your driving habits with you.

NASVA' s counselors are happy to assist you.



A self-guided review of your driving habits helps you to drive safely

- NASVA' s counselors help the driver motivate themselves to take actions to ensure safe driving and maintain such actions.
- Our counselors strive to offer a safe setting where the driver feels free to discuss their driving habits, which may not be easy to do in their workplace.
(At NASVA, counselors are required to maintain confidentiality and uphold proper ethical standards.)

National Agency for Automotive Safety and Victims' Aid

NASVA, the National Agency for Automotive Safety and Victims' Aid, provides nationwide support.

Feel free to contact your nearest branch or the agency's head office.

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Hakodate Branch Office	〒041-0806	3F Hakodate Tokyo Kaijo Nichido Bldg., 1-18-10 Mihara, Hakodate	0138-88-1007	0138-44-0555
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Nagoya Main Branch Office	〒460-0003	8F Nagoya AT Bldg., 1-18-22 Nishiki, Naka-ku, Nagoya	052-218-3017	052-218-3018
Shizuoka Branch Office	〒420-0837	1F TOKAI Hinodecho Bldg., 1-2 Hinodecho, Aoi-ku, Shizuoka	054-687-3421	054-205-1617
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