

RTA rolls out new driving test system



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Licensing Agency at the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has embarked on developing a new driving test system. This is based on three key aspects, with the aim of going a step forward in adopting best in-class practices and implementing quality standards under the drive of realising RTA's vision of providing safe and smooth transport for all.

According to Mahmoud Al Marzouqi, Director of Drivers Training and Qualifying Department at RTA Licensing Agency, the agency has developed the new system by setting the timing and routes through which driving test process is carried out, along with a new test form. Accordingly, the new test will require student drivers to demonstrate a wider range of driving skills during their test.

"By introducing the enhanced system, we aim to assess students on the basis of a specialised scientific vision that translates the intention of the agency to realise the objectives of carrying out driving tests in a fair manner. The new test will take longer than the current test and feature a set test route," he said.

"The detailed performance criteria encompasses two main aspects; minor errors [comprising 16 points] and actual failure cases [comprising five error cases where committing any of them will be good enough to assess the applicant as a failure]," he added.