

PASSFAN **DRIVING LESSONS**

Reverse Park Bay Driving Test Manoeuvre

PASSFAN Driving Lessons: Bay Parking Made Simple

Feeling nervous about busy car parks? Prefer parking further from the entrance to avoid tight spaces?

Whether you're preparing for your driving test or just want to park with confidence, this guide to bay parking will help you master both forward and reverse bay parking.



What is Bay Parking?

Bay parking is positioning your car neatly within a parking bay. While it's an everyday part of driving, many find it challenging at first.

There are two types of bay parking you'll need to know, in this how to we will cover the:

Reverse Bay Parking – Reversing into a parking space so you can drive out forwards.

Why Learn Bay Parking?

Bay parking isn't just about convenience—it's essential:

Most car parks in the UK rely on bay parking, so you'll encounter it regularly. Your practical driving test may include bay parking. Since December 2017, reverse and forward bay parking have been part of the three potential manoeuvres tested, alongside parallel parking and reversing into traffic.

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THE EXAMINER WILL ASK.

"I should like you to reverse park in the car park. Drive forward into the car park, then reverse into a convenient parking bay. Finish within one of the bays."

Now you are starting the manoeuvre, look for a bay that will allow you enough space to get into position. Good observations are needed all round.

Keep speed down and look for risk.



TIP!

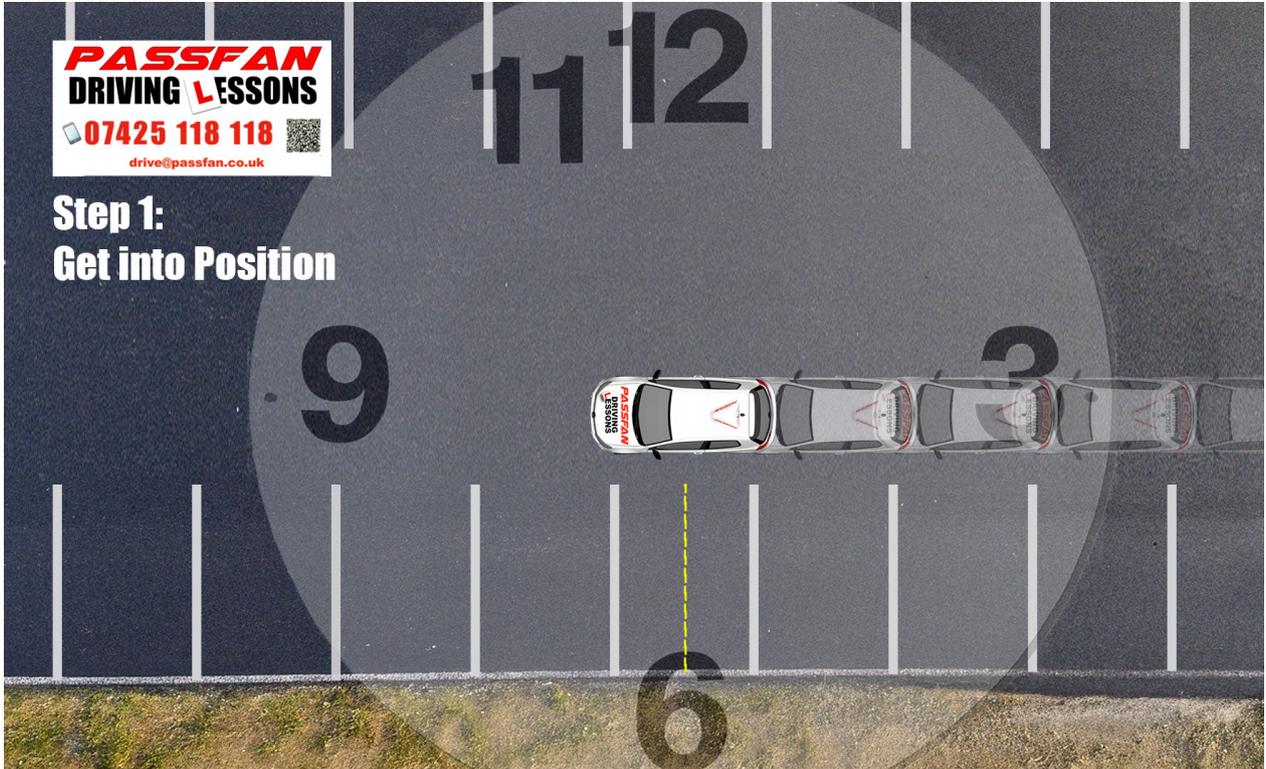
The examiner is looking for **Control** and **Observations**. So Keep The Speed low and Use the Windows and Mirrors!

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Step 1: Get into Position



STEP 1

Imagine a clock face and your bay of choice is at 6 o'clock and you are facing 9 o'clock.

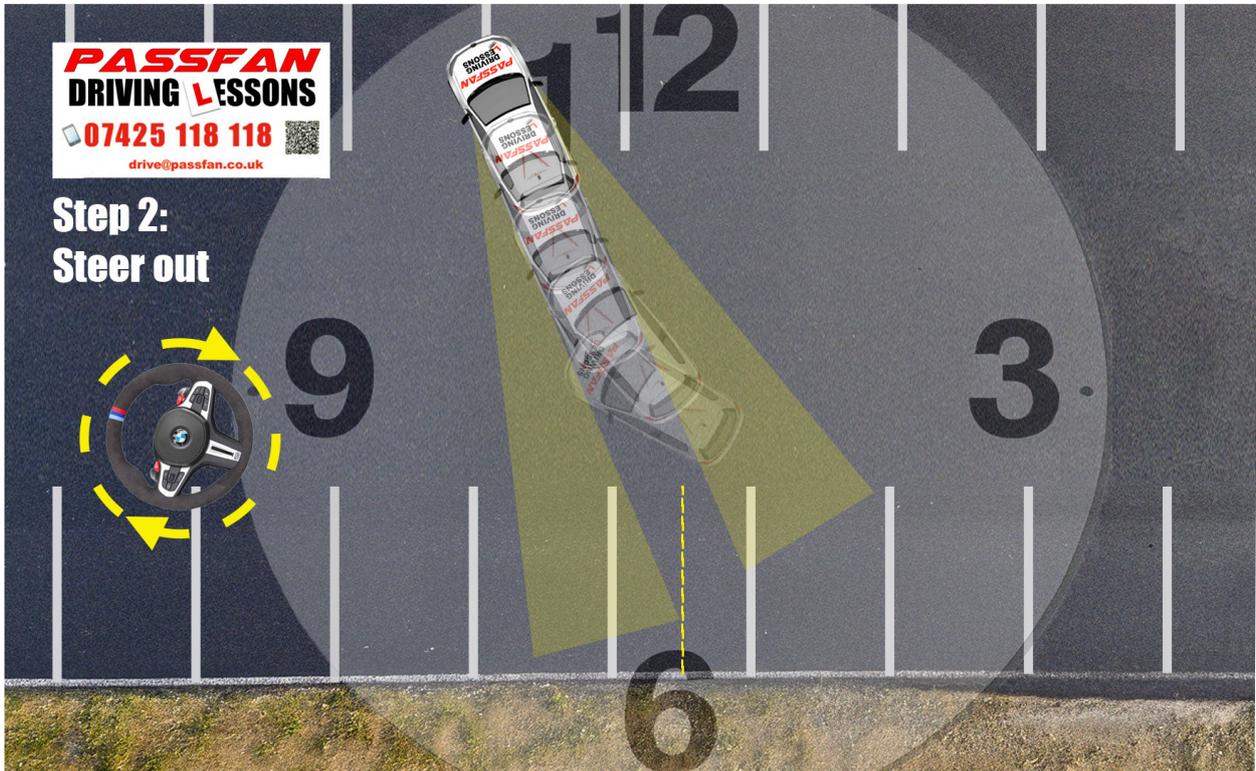
Align the car fairly close and parallel to your chosen bay and stop when your shoulders are level with the centre (6 o'clock) of your chosen bay.

TIP!

Use Your Reference Points: Your instructor will guide you on identifying key markers to judge angles and distance.

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Step 2: Steer out

STEP 2:

Next make full observations all round final look in blind spots in the direction away from the chosen bay.

As you start to move (only Use the brake and clutch or creep in Auto) turn the steering wheel full lock away from the bay. Slowly steer the car to point to 11 o'clock. **Then Stop!**

Look to see the top of you line in the offside mirror and most of the line in the nearside.

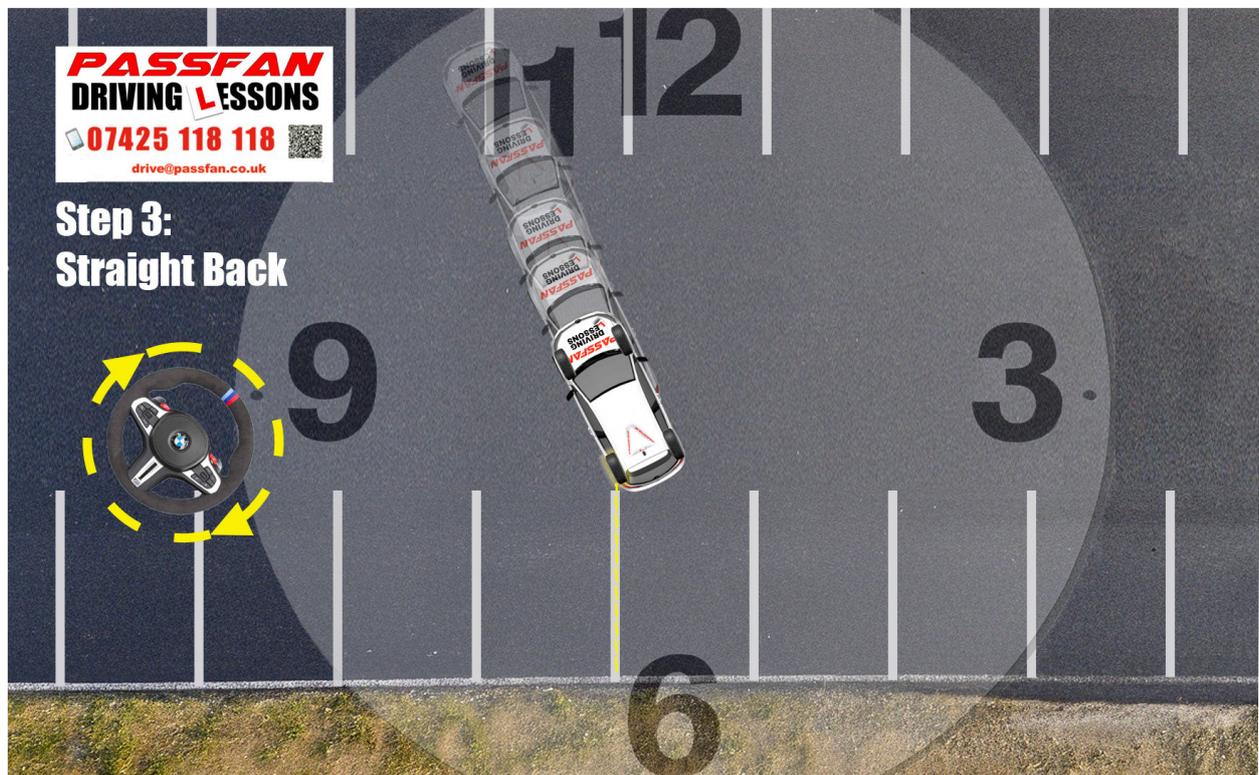
While you are moving use the windows and mirrors to look all round.

TIP!

Trust me here!: You will not see your chosen bay lines in your mirrors before you get to 11 o'clock - so don't look for them before you get there

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Step 3: Straight Back

STEP 3:

Again BEFORE moving make full observations all round final look in blind spots in the direction you are intending to move.

As you start to move straighten the steering (only Use the brake and clutch or creep in Auto) turn the steering wheel full lock away from the bay. Slowly reverse towards the your bay.

When your rear nearside wheel gets inline with the nearest bay line, STOP!

While you are moving use the windows and mirrors to look all round.

TIP!

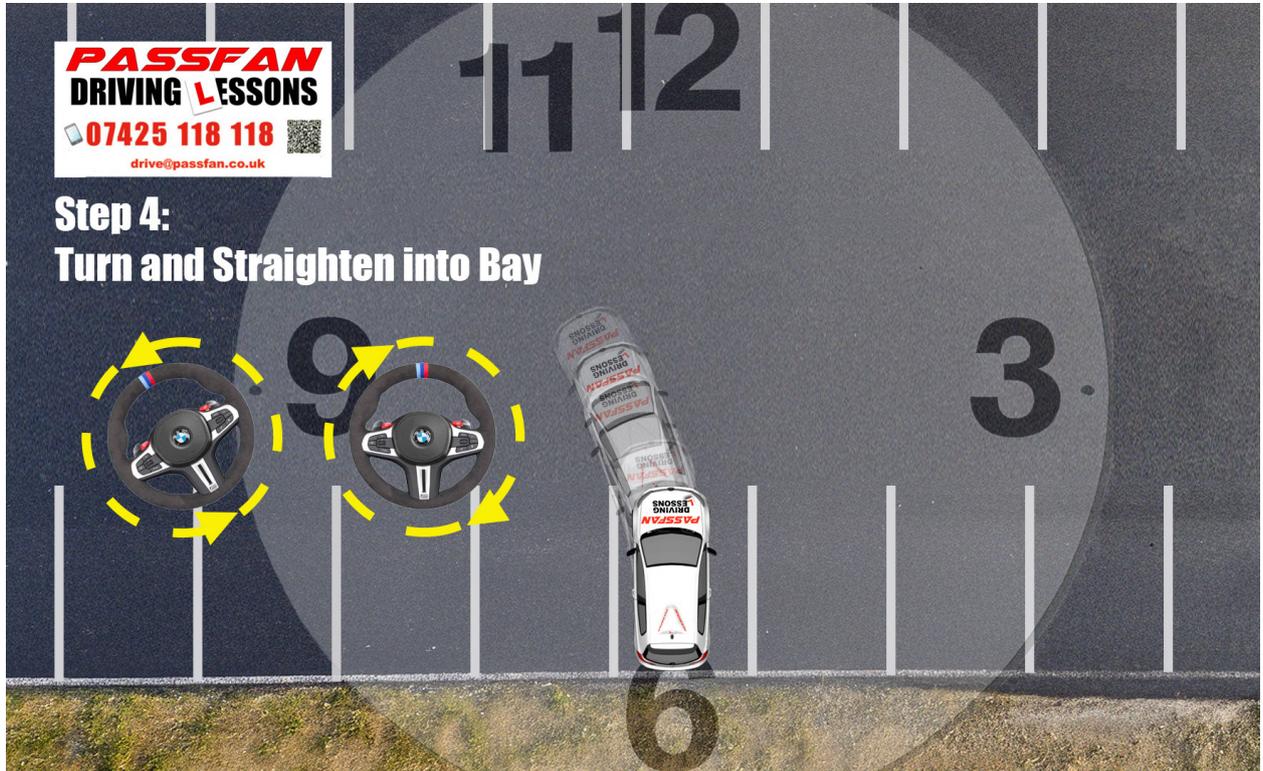
Keep Looking: Look for people and cars walking/moving near your close area, if they get close, **STOP!**

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Step 4: Turn and Straighten into Bay



STEP 4:

We're still making full observations all round final look in blind spots in the direction you are intending to move.

As you start to move straighten the steering (only Use the brake and clutch or creep in Auto) start turning the steering wheel towards the nearside bay line (left).

As you start to straighten (quick check in the side mirrors) straighten the car and reverse in.

Now SECURE the car - Handbrake, Neutrel (park auto)

TOP TIPS FOR BAY PARKING SUCCESS

Practice Makes Perfect: Get comfortable with both forward and reverse bay parking during lessons.

Use Your Reference Points: Your instructor will guide you on identifying key markers to judge angles and distance.

Take It Slow: Steady control of speed allows precise adjustments.

Check Your Surroundings: Always look out for hazards like pedestrians, cyclists, or other vehicles.