

I am aware that according to DSA statistics “those who pass their driving test have had, on average, 47 hours of professional driving training combined with 20 hours of private practice.”

As many intensive courses are considerably shorter than this, in terms of car tuition, is it fair to assume that the success rate for the Monday to Friday intensive courses is significantly less than for standard weekly lessons?

Looking at various websites, many suggest that pass rates for all intensive courses are around 35%. Is this an official DSA figure?

If not have there been any DSA studies on these type of courses?

I need this information as the Advertising Standards Authority require some official data to back up a claim, I would like to make that “as a novice your chances of passing in five days are significantly lower than for a standard driving course.”

We do not hold information on the training patterns of learner drivers or the number of lessons a learner driver has had before they take a practical test. Therefore we do not hold information on car practical test pass rates broken down by the number of lessons the candidates has had or whether they took an intensive training course. The 35% pass rate for all intensive courses is not a DSA official figure.

Information on the average number of lessons a candidate has that pass their car practical test was collated as part of a major study of learner drivers, which was published in 2008. Information on intensive courses and pass rates of car practical test candidates following an intensive training course were not collected as part of this study.

You can download details of this major study, titled 'Cohort II: A study of learner and new drivers study', online at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/research/rsrr/theme2/cohort2/>. You can find a summarised version of this information in a report titled 'Learning to Drive: the evidence' (DfT Road Safety Research Report number 87, 2008). You can download this at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/research/researchreports>.

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