

1) The total number of practical tests failed in the interests of public safety broken down by those vehicles that were fitted with dual controls and those that weren't in each of the calendar years from 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

In the table below, you can find the information held in relation to practical tests failed in the interests of public safety (code four) by calendar year.

Year	Types of controls	Number of practical tests failed in the interests of public safety
2007	Dual controls	6,229
	No dual controls	1,517
2008	Dual controls	6,632
	No dual controls	1,644
2009	Dual controls	4,368
	No dual controls	2,299
2010	Dual controls	4,416
	No dual controls	1,681
2011	Dual controls	5,037
	No dual controls	4,381

Please note that this information is for all categories. Not all vehicles are capable of being fitted with dual controls (e.g. motorcycles)

2) In connection to question one, for each such incident, a brief description of why the test was failed in the interests of public safety

We are likely to hold information in relation to this request. The details, however, are recorded on the back of each driving test report form associated with each test and not in a single database. We do, however, only hold the back of each test report form for two years. We have estimated that it would take five minutes to review one report form to identify whether information was held, and, if so, extract the information, on why the test was terminated in the interests of public safety. Therefore to review the driving test report forms for the 2011 calendar year alone would take in excess of 784 hours, which would exceed the 24 working hour limit prescribed.

This information is exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA. You can find a full breakdown of this exemption at Annex B.

The appropriate limit, as prescribed by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, is £600 for Central Government and £450 for other public authorities, with staff costs calculated at a rate of £25 per hour. When calculating whether the appropriate limit is exceeded, authorities can take account of the costs of determining whether the information is held, locating and retrieving the information, and extracting the information from other documents. They cannot take account of the costs involved with considering whether information is exempt under the Act.

- 3) The total number of incidents incurred on the practical test in each of the calendar years from 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 where:**
- a) the candidate incurred no injury**
 - b) the candidate needed medical treatment/first aid**
 - c) the candidate needed self-treatment**

In the table below, you can find information held in relation to the total number of incidents incurred on the practical test in the calendar years 2007 to 2011 broken down by nature of injury.

Extent of injuries to candidates	Calendar years			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
No injury	0	0	3	1
Medical treatment first aid	7	68	91	90
Self treatment	25	98	103	78

Please note that the figures supplied for the period 2008-2010 cover injuries to candidates, visitors or members of the public, not just the candidate. To establish the number of incidents that occurred on the practical test where the incident only related to the candidate would require DSA to check each of the 564 records from the table above. In the last two years these have been scanned, however those older than that are held on paper. On average it would take us a minimum of three minutes to check each electronic record and longer for any paper records. We have estimated that it would take a minimum of 28 hours but expect it would longer considering the number of records held in paper.

This information is, therefore, also exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA.

- 4) The total number of incidents incurred on the practical test in each of the calendar years from 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 where:**
- a) no damage has been done to the vehicle**
 - b) minor damage has been done to the vehicle**
 - c) major damage has been done to the vehicle**

This was further clarified to include all practical tests in the figures and not split down by test category.

In the table below, you can find information held in relation to the total number of incidents incurred on the practical test in each of the calendar years between 2008 and 2011.

Extent of damage reported	Calendar years			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
No damage	62	102	413	499
Minor damage	205	283	730	766
Major damage	70	71	78	96

Please note that these figures include all vehicles involved in the incident, therefore, these are not necessarily the test vehicle. In addition, no information is held for 2007 as DSA does not hold records prior to 2008 in line with the set retention period of this information.

5) The number of practical tests that were terminated where there was an accident on test and the candidate had incurred a dangerous fault or dangerous faults in each of the calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011

In the table below, you can find information held in relation to tests terminated where the test was unable to be completed due to an accident (code 28) and a dangerous fault has been recorded by calendar year.

Calendar year	Number of tests terminated where the test was unable to be completed due to an accident and a dangerous fault recorded
2007	38
2008	49
2009	58
2010	41
2011	48

Please note that we are unable to tell if the dangerous fault was recorded before the test was terminated or at the time of termination. This information is for all categories of test.

6) The number of practical tests that were terminated where there was an accident on test and the candidate had incurred a serious fault or serious faults in each of the calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011

In the table below, you can find information held in relation to tests terminated where the test was unable to be completed due to an accident (code 28) and a serious fault has been recorded by calendar year.

Calendar Year	Number of tests terminated where the test was unable to be completed due to an accident and a dangerous fault recorded
2007	94
2008	103
2009	100
2010	79
2011	85

Please note that we are unable to tell if the serious fault was recorded before the test was terminated or at the time of termination. This information is for all categories of test.

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