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1. the total of category b car tests taken in Bedford DTC in 2012, the number of passes, the number of candidates passing on their first ever attempt at a driving test, and the number of passes with zero driving faults recorded. Please show separate figures for male and female candidates.

2. the total of category b car tests taken in the newly opened Cardington DTC in 2012, the number of passes, the number of candidates passing on their first ever attempt at a driving test, and the number of passes with zero driving faults recorded. Please show separate figures for male and female candidates.

We publish statistics about car practical driving tests that were passed on the first attempt and with zero faults, by test centre; these can be found on our website at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/43428/dsa1202.xls.

We also publish statistics about the overall number of car practical driving tests conducted, passed and failed, by test centre. Information up until September 2012 can be found on our website at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/43427/dsa0201.xls. This information is therefore exempt under section 21 (information accessible by other means) of the FoIA. A full explanation of this exemption can be found attached at Annex A.

You also asked for these statistics for the remainder of 2012 calendar year; this information is a subset of an official statistic DRT0101 which is not due to be published until 28 February. The information you have requested could be used to calculate an official statistic's figure. Official statistics are exempt from release under section 44 (1)(a) (prohibitions on disclosure) by virtue of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008 which limits access to official statistics until their date of publication. As this exemption is an absolute exemption we are not required to conduct a public interest test. A copy of this exemption in full can be found at Annex B. This information is due to be published on 7 March at the link provided above.

3. the top five categories on the driving test marking sheet where serious marks were awarded for category b car test candidates in 2012 at Bedford DTC.

The table below shows the top 5 serious faults for car practical driving tests conducted at Bedford driving test centre, between 1 January 2012 and 15 October 2012.



	Manoeuvre	Number of serious faults
1	Mirrors - change direction	644
2	Junctions - observation	612
3	Positioning - normal driving	256
4	Control - steering	226
5	Move off - safely	222

*Please note that the Bedford DTC closed on 15 October 2012.

4. The top five categories on the driving test marking sheet where serious marks were awarded for category b car test candidates in 2012 at Cardington DTC.

The table below shows the top 5 serious faults for car practical driving tests conducted at Cardington driving test centre, between 22 October 2012 and 31 December 2012.

	Manoeuvre	Number of serious faults
1	Junctions - observation	131
2	Mirrors - change direction	119
3	Response to signs - road markings	57
4	Control - steering	52
5	Move off - safely	40

*Please note that the Cardington DTC opened on 22 October 2012.

5. What percentage of category b car driving tests included the controlled stop exercise in 2012 at Bedford DTC.

Information about how often the controlled stop exercises are used on driving tests can be found in the DT1 standard operating procedures on page 173; which is published on our website at



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6. What percentage of category b car driving tests included the controlled stop exercise in 2012 at Cardington DTC?

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