

1) What is the car practical test pass rate for 2010/11 at other local test centres?

You can find the car practical test pass rate for 2010/11 broken down by test centre on our website at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-practical-driving-test-statistics-car/>

This information is therefore exempt under section 21 (information accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act. A full breakdown of this exemption can be found at Annex B.

2) Is the driving school instructor putting people up for their test sooner than they should to meet with the DSA driving standards requirement?

We do not collate information on the number of lessons a candidate has had, with or without a driving instructor or school, before they take their car practical test. Therefore this information is not held.

We also do not set a minimum number of hours tuition a candidate must have before taking their car practical test. Research shows, however, that learners who have a combination of professional instruction and private practice do better at the driving test.

Information on the average number of lessons required to pass was collated as part of a major study of learner drivers, which was published in 2008. 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/publications/cohort-ii-a-study-of-learner-and-new-drivers>. That study showed that respondents who passed their driving test had, on average, 47 hours of professional instruction and 20 hours of private practice.

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/publications/research-and-statistical-reports/>

3) Could you tell me how many times people have had to re-sit their car practical test at Glasgow (Baillieston) driving test centre (DTC) in 2010/11 to reach the 41.2% pass rate?

In the table below, you can find the car practical test pass rate by attempt at Glasgow (Baillieston) DTC in 2010/11. This shows how the 41.2% pass rate is reached.

Car practical tests pass rate by attempt at Glasgow (Baillieston) driving test centre in 2010/11			
Car practical test attempt	Number of car practical tests conducted	Number of car practical tests passed	Pass rate
1	3,679	1,509	41%
2	1,636	685	42%
3	728	296	41%
4	279	109	39%
5	118	53	45%

6	43	14	33%
7	10	4	40%
8	4	0	0%
9	2	2	100%
Total	6,490	2,672	41.2%

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