

1) How many car practical tests were conducted in the 2010 calendar year?

You can find the number of car practical tests conducted nationwide in the 2010 calendar year on our website at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/dsa/Category.asp?cat=760> 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) How many car practical tests were applied for in the 2010 calendar year?

The net demand for car practical tests nationwide in the 2010 calendar year was 1,593,811.

Please note that net demand refers to the number of car practical tests requested by candidates excluding any tests that did not go ahead and a test fee refund was issued.

3) How many car practical tests were postponed in the 2010 calendar year due to:
a) poor weather?
b) other reasons by DSA or test centres?

You can find the number of gross car practical test cancellations nationwide for the 2010 calendar year in the table below. This information is split by adverse weather and DSA cancellations.

Gross number of car practical tests cancelled in 2010 calendar year	
Cancellation reason	Number cancelled
Adverse weather	134,267
DSA cancellations	116,841

Please note that

- adverse weather accounts for around 53% of all cancellations and mostly relate to separate severe weather episodes in February 2010 and late 2010
- DSA cancellations refer to any car practical test that DSA cancelled, for example due to examiner sickness

4) How many car practical tests were cancelled in the 2010 calendar year due to:
a) the candidate failing to attend the test centre?
b) the vehicle not being suitable for test/no vehicle for test?

You can find the number of car practical tests that were stopped nationwide in the 2010 calendar year due to the candidate failing to attend the test centre on the vehicle not being suitable for the test/no vehicle for test in the table below.

2010 calendar year	
Reason why test was stopped	Gross number of car practical tests cancelled
Candidate failed to attend	31,099
Vehicle not suitable for test/no vehicle for test	2,634

Please note that:

- if a candidate fails to attend a car practical test, the examiner will record this on the driving test report form as a code 51
- if the vehicle was not suitable for test or there was no vehicle for test, the examiner will record this as test terminated code 21 on the driving test report form

5) How many car practical tests were stopped in the 2010 calendar year because the candidate was taken ill on test?

In the 2010 calendar year, 98 car practical tests nationwide were stopped because the candidate was taken ill on test.

Please note that if a candidate was taken ill on their car practical test, the examiner will record this as test terminated code 36 on the driving test report form.

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