

I'd be most grateful if you could provide the following information the approved driving instructor (ADI) part one, two and three pass rates for quarter three 2011 (July, August, September).

In the table below, you can find the national pass rates for the ADI part one, two and three tests for July, August and September 2011.

Month/test	ADI part one	ADI part two	ADI part three
July 2011	51.0%	51.3%	34.7%
August 2011	49.0 %	54.2%	32.1%
September 2011	50.4%	52.6%	31.4%

Please note that the pass rate relating to ADI part two tests for September 2011 is correct as of 18 October 2011 but this should only be treated as provisional information. This is because all the information of tests conducted recently will still be in the process of data capture and not yet uploaded onto our reporting system.

You should also note that owing to ongoing activity to address a data anomaly, we have between 86% and 93% confidence in the accuracy of the information relating to ADI part three tests from July to September 2011. Whilst we hold this information in paper form, it would take in excess of 24 hours to update the database with all of the relevant records. We are continuing to work on this issue, so it is likely that the figures provided will be subject to revision.

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