

Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail dated 6 October requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for:

- 1. The number of bus drivers in the UK broken down by their ages. Note: if you only hold this data in broad bands (eg. 30/39, 40/49 etc) please supply this information instead.**
- 2. The age of the oldest bus driver licence holder currently on the DVLA's books.**

Whilst DVLA hold statistics in relation to questions 1 and 2, Section 21 of the FOIA exempts DVLA from providing information which is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

Statistics on the number of driving licence holders in Great Britain by driving licence entitlement is routinely published on gov.uk. This information can be Previewed or Downloaded by following the link:

<http://data.gov.uk/dataset/driving-licence-data>

The 6th tab (DRL0133) at the bottom of the spreadsheet provides the number of driving licence holders by category of entitlement held and age. This information reflects the position as at March 2015 and is the most recent date available (please see accompanying notes to the spreadsheet for more information).

The following link provides a definition of the driving licence categories:-

<https://www.gov.uk/driving-licence-categories>

3. The number of times in the last five years that bus drivers have had their licences revoked. Please supply the reasons given (eg. medical) along with the ages of drivers involved please.

The figures DVLA holds are for all vocational group 2 driving licence holders. They include both Passenger Carrying Vehicles (PCV) and Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) drivers. DVLA does not hold figures for PCV (bus) drivers separately.

Annex A provides statistics on the number of group 2 driving licence holders who have had their licences revoked/applications refused where a medical condition has been declared. This has been broken down by medical condition and by age.

The information which follows concerns the procedures for making any complaint you might have about the reply. Please quote the reference number of this letter in any future communications about it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Toft', written over a rectangular stamp or box.

Robert Toft
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Your right to complain to DVLA and the Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the reply to your request, you can ask DVLA to re-consider the response you received by writing (within two calendar months of receiving this response) to either foi@dvla.gsi.gov.uk or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DSPG/FOI, D16, DVLA, Swansea SA6 7JL.

DVLA will acknowledge and consider your request, re-visiting the response provided. This is known as an Internal Review and will be considered by a staff member not involved with the original reply.

If you disagree with the outcome of the Internal Review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information can be found via: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/> Alternatively you may wish to write to: Customer Contact, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.