

According to this BBC article from 2004, Lord Renton was the oldest person to pass a driving test, aged 94 - http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/3084177.stm.

However the statistics on your website from 208/9 suggest there were three women aged 98 who managed it. I can find no record online of this being covered by the media, and just wanted to confirm that the trio are the oldest ever people to pass a driving test?

I can confirm the information published on our website that states three women aged 98 passed their car practical test in 2007/8 is not correct. This is because information on a candidate's age is extracted from the date of birth (DoB) on either the DVLA driving licence number or the DoB the candidate gives us (in the event of NI licences). If either the driving licence number is formatted incorrectly at DVLA or the candidate gives us an incorrect DoB it means the age at test on our systems can be incorrect. We have manually reviewed these records and this is the case in this instance. These candidates, therefore, weren't aged 98.

I can confirm that the oldest candidate to pass their car practical test was aged 91. We can verify this age from other information held.

Please note that:

- we hold car practical test records from April 2004
- the information provided above on the oldest candidate is for car practical tests conducted from April 2004 to 31 March 2011

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