

Annex A

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I am writing with regard to statistics over time on the number of people undergoing compulsory basic training (CBT) in respect of motorcycle licensing, broken down by age and gender.

I have been able to find this information for the years 1991-2000 via the ONS and DSA websites, and would be most interested and grateful to see any statistics you hold for more recent years.

The source of this information is the 2006 edition of the ONS/DfT publication “compendium of motorcycling statistics” in table 1.5. The data in the table is credited to the DSA, and it was the same data for subsequent years that I was interested in seeing.

The online link is:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/adobe/pdf/162469/221412/221552/228173/228176/compendiumofmotorcyclingstat5462>

We stopped collecting information on those that passed their CBT, including the age and gender of the candidate, in 2000; therefore we do not hold the information you have requested.

We do, however, hold information on the number of CBT certificates sold to approved training bodies (ATBs) since 1994/5 and this is provided in the table below.

| Financial year | Number of CBT certificates sold to ATBs |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1994/5 | 101,653 |
| 1995/6 | 124,930 |
| 1996/7 | 178,100 |
| 1997/8 | 106,650 |
| 1998/9 | 128,720 |
| 1999/2000 | 154,169 |
| 2000/1 | 163,530 |
| 2001/2 | 168,125 |
| 2002/3 | 170,792 |
| 2003/4 | 184,256 |
| 2004/5 | 179,200 |
| 2005/6 | 178,625 |
| 2006/7 | 183,600 |
| 2007/8 | 201,200 |
| 2008/9 | 209,050 |
| 2009/10 | 167,250 |
| 2010/11 | 188,000 |

Please note that the figures on the number of CBT certificates sold when compared to the information published in the Compendium of Motorcycle statistics are significantly greater. This is because the figures above include certificates that have been returned to us, spoiled, lost or issued as duplicates to the same individual. Therefore, the figures above may not reflect a true indication of the number of people who successfully completed CBT.

You may also wish to note that whilst we do not hold detailed statistics of candidates undergoing CBT training, we do hold statistics about the age and gender of those undertaking the motorcycle test. These are published on our website and can be found at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/dsa/Category.asp?cat=761>

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