

**For the 2010 and 2011 calendar years:**

- a) please confirm the number of times a test was not conducted as the candidate was suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.**
- b) please also supply details of tests where the candidate has failed due to public safety. Can I have the gender and age of each candidate and the test centre? Please supply this information for car, bike and HGV tests.**

Attached at Annex B are two tables, one showing the number of tests which were not conducted as the candidate was suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol and the other showing the number of tests terminated due to public safety concerns.

Please note that we have had to amalgamate the candidates into age groups and in some cases amalgamate test centres. This is because the number of tests conducted at that centre or in that age group is low and could lead to the identification of individuals. If an individual could be identified, this information would be classed as personal data and as such is exempt under section 40(2) (personal data) of FoIA. A copy of this exemption in full is attached at Annex C.

In terms of the tests terminated in the interests of public safety, if a candidates driving on test becomes dangerous that it threatens their own safety or that of the public, the examiner will terminate the test and inform the candidate that the test has been stopped before completion for reasons of public safety.

You'll note that there was a rise in the number of module one motorcycle tests terminated in the interests of public safety from 2010 to 2011. This reflects minor changes introduced to the test in May 2011.

As of 16 May 2011, candidates who do not pass the emergency stop element of the module motorcycle practical test are no longer permitted to carry out the avoidance exercise and the test is terminated. This is to ensure that only sufficiently prepared candidates undertake the avoidance exercise. This does not impact on the pass rate.

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