

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information

1) How many vacancies for the role driving examiner were identified at Tolworth?

Two vacancies were identified at Tolworth test centre.

2) How many vacancies for the role driving examiner were identified at Chertsey?

Four vacancies were identified at Chertsey test centre.

3) How many vacancies for the role driving examiner were identified at Farnborough?

Two vacancies were identified at Farnborough test centre.

4) How many of the above locations have now filled those vacancies?

None of these vacancies have been filled yet. Recruitment is ongoing and one candidate is earmarked to attend a Cardington course in November. There are still a number of applicants that are still being assessed for the driving examiner posts. The Tolworth, Chertsey and Farnborough test centre fall within our sectors areas 24 and 27. Within these two sectors, there are still 16 special drives outstanding and 10 interviews pending. Three candidates who were graded a C on a previous special drive are also set to return for another drive in the near future.

Please note that the special drive is an extended version of the driving test that those wishing to become an examiner must take. The special drive involves a drive over a carefully chosen route of approximately 20 to 25 miles. It will normally be in both urban and rural areas with varying traffic conditions, and will include driving on a dual carriageway or motorway. The applicant will have to drive at a speed appropriate with the road and traffic conditions without displaying any serious or dangerous driving faults. Throughout the drive, the examiner will also be assessing the applicant's overall suitability to be an examiner.

5) How many of the above locations filled those vacancies with 'internal' candidates already working for the DSA or DoT?

Internal transfers were considered and where possible moves agreed in advance of the recruitment exercise. The situation is fluid and further internal transfer requests can be made and considered throughout the duration of the recruitment campaign.

The above refers to the most recent driving examiner recruitment campaign in 2011.

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