

The cost of the introduction of a new voiceover into the theory test as defined in the existing schedule of contracts

The cost of the introduction of a new voiceover into the theory test, as quoted in the schedule of contract charges, is £49,633. We have not introduced a new voiceover into the theory test since 2001 and, therefore, we have not challenged how these costs would be applied to the introduction of a new voiceover. As a pure contract requirement, the costs would be for the translation of the item bank into a new language per category of test.

This, however, is very simplistic and costs can only be an indication of the actual charges as there are a number of factors which could influence the final costs. These would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- the number of generic questions in the item banks; the car and bike item banks share a number of common questions and so these would only have to be translated once with a single cost
- the size of the item bank; the cost in the contract was based on the size of the item bank at the start of the contract. The size of the item banks have grown.
- the costs are based on multiple choice questions but we have recently introduced case studies into the theory test

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