

**1. Does the DSA have any direct input to Pearson Professional regarding closure of Pearson Professional Theory Test Centres?**

DSA outsource the management and delivery of the theory test to Pearson Driving Assessments Limited. The standard of service provision, including the location of theory test centres is determined by DSA.

**2. Has the DSA been contacted by Pearson Professional, in the current financial year, regarding the closure of Theory Test Centres in 2011/2012?**

The closure of theory test centres is part of a joint ongoing review of theory test provision across Great Britain. A number of under utilised test centres have been identified which can be merged with suitable alternative locations that have spare capacity.

**3. What criteria does the DSA have with regards to the locations of Theory Test Centres?**

**4. Is there a maximum distance that the DSA considers a candidate should not have to travel over, to attend a Theory Test Centre?**

The theory test travelling criteria are:

- within 5 miles in districts (usually towns or cities) with a population density equal or more than 1250 persons per square kilometre;
- within 20 miles in areas where the population density lies between 100 and 1250 persons per square kilometre;
- within 40 miles in sparsely populated areas, with a population density equal to or less than 100 persons per square kilometre.

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