

Annex A

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1) What were the waiting times for car practical driving tests at every driving test centre (DTC) in Wales during 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12?

In the table below, you can find the waiting times for the car practical test at each DTC in Wales during 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12. The waiting time information is provided in weeks.

Test centre	2009/10 waiting time (weeks)	2010/11 waiting time (weeks)	2011/12 waiting time (weeks)
Abergavenny	4.1	7.4	4.7
Aberystwyth (Park Avenue)	4.5	5.7	3.4
Bangor MPTC	5.5	7.5	6.6
Barry	4.9 (closed on 25 March 2010)	Closed	Closed
Bridgend	5.7	7.3	6.0
Cardiff (Fairwater)	5.0	7.8	7.9
Cardigan	3.1	3.8	4.0
Carmarthen	4.8	5.6	4.2
Lampeter	3.5	4.6	2.6
Llanelli	5.1	7.3	5.5
Merthyr Tydfil (Castle Street)	3.5	6.2 (closed 24 June 2010)	Closed
Merthyr Tydfil (Merthyr Industrial Park)	N/A	6.2 (first day of testing 2 July 2010)	3.7
Mold	5.2 (closed 30 March 2010)	Closed	Closed
Monmouth	5.0	7.0	6.0
Newport (Gwent) MPTC	4.2	7.5	6.5
Newtown	2.6	5.2	3.3
Pembroke Dock	5.5	6.0	6.2
Pontypridd	4.5	6.8	5.6
Rhyl	4.2	8.0	7.2
Swansea MPTC	4.3	6.8	4.3
Wrexham	N/A	6.1 (first day of testing 7 April 2010)	5.3
Bala (outstation)	5.0	6.9	7.9
Barry (outstation)	N/A	N/A	6.9 (first day of testing 5 December 2011)
Brecon (outstation)	3.7	7.8	5.6
Llandrindod Wells (outstation)	2.7	5.7	4.4
Pwllheli (outstation)	5.2	9.4	5.0

Please note that:

- we aim to make 90 per cent of appointments available within nine weeks at car driving test centres
- Merthyr Tydfil DTC relocated in the summer of 2010; the former site was based at Castle Street and closed on 24 June 2010. The new and existing site at Merthyr Industrial Park opened on 2 July 2010.
- Barry DTC closed on 24 March 2010. We did, however, announce a trial exploring taking the test to the customer and Barry was announced as being part of that trial. We began conducting tests again at Barry from 5 December 2011; you can find more information about the trial at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/news/press-releases/dsa-press-20110627a/> and specifically about Barry at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/news/press-releases/dsa-press-20111115b/>

2) What were the waiting times for car theory driving tests at every theory test centre in Wales during 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12?

In the table below, you can find the waiting times for a car theory test at each test centre in Wales during 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12. The waiting time is provided in days.

Test centre	Average 2009/10 car theory test waiting time (days)	Average 2010/11 car theory test waiting time (days)	Average 2011/12 car theory test waiting time (days)
Aberystwyth	4	4	4
Bangor	3	4	7
Builth Wells	3	3	2
Cardiff	4	4	4
Haverfordwest	3	5	4
Merthyr Tydfil	4	4	3
Newport (Gwent)	4	4	2
Rhyl	4	4	3
Swansea	4	5	3

Please note that we aim to give a candidate a theory test appointment within two weeks of their preferred date and time. The average figures provided above are based on where we've given a candidate a car theory test appointment after their preferred test date. We've not included information in our calculations where we've given a test appointment to a candidate before their preferred test date.

3) How many driving examiners (DEs) were employed in Wales at the start and end of 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12?

In the table below, you can find the number of DEs employed in Wales at the start and end of each financial year from 2009/10 to 2011/12.

Period	Number of DEs employed in Wales
April 2009	102
March 2010	97
April 2010	96

May 2011	97
April 2011	99
March 2012	100

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