

Annex A

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1) The number of car practical tests conducted and passed by your examiner at Worcester test centre in 2011/12

2) The number of car practical tests conducted and passed by other examiners permanently based at Worcester test centre in 2011/12

We do hold information on the number of car practical tests conducted, passed and failed by named examiners in 2011/12. This information, however, is being withheld under section 36(2)(c) on the grounds that its disclosure would prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs, a view certified by the Minister and then subject to the public interest test as to whether the balance lies in favour of withholding or disclosing the information. We have concluded, applying a presumption in favour of disclosure, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

At Annex B, you can find the exemption in full, as well as the factors we have considered when deciding where the public interest lay.

I can, however, provide you with information on the number of car practical tests conducted and passed by examiners at Worcester driving test centre in 2011/12 in an anonymised format. You can find this information in the table below.

Examiner	Number of car practical tests conducted at Worcester in 2011/12	Number of car practical tests passed at Worcester in 2011/12
1	794	391
2	73	47
3	538	267
4	69	40
5	15	6
6	6	2
7	43	27
8	69	35
9	697	329
10	267	136
11	30	16
12	1,414	684
13	1,206	608
14	569	275
15	403	185
16	25	12
17	661	318

4) The number of car practical tests failed at Worcester test centre in 2011/12 by your examiner where the candidate incurred a dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors'

5) The number of car practical tests failed at Worcester test centre in 2011/12 by other examiners permanently based at that centre where the candidate incurred a

dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors'

We do hold information on the number of car practical tests failed at Worcester driving test centre in 2011/12 by your examiner where the candidate incurred a dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors – change speed'. This information, however, is also being withheld under section 36(2)(c) on the grounds that its disclosure would prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs, a view certified by the Minister and then subject to the public interest test as to whether the balance lies in favour of withholding or disclosing the information. We have concluded, applying a presumption in favour of disclosure, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The same public interest test factors apply to the information requested in questions one and two. You can find the public interest factors for withholding the information and for releasing the information at Annex B.

I can, however, provide you with information on the number of car practical tests failed where the candidate incurred a dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors – change speed' by examiners permanently based at Worcester driving test centre in 2011/12 in an anonymised format. You can find this information in the table below.

Examiner	Number of car practical tests failed where the candidate incurred a dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors – change speed'
1	37
2	45
3	0
4	10
5	12
6	8
7	0
8	9
9	4
10	18
11	1
12	3
13	0
14	3
15	1
16	1
17	4

Please note that the examiner references in the table above aren't consistent with those provided in the table in response to questions one and two.

3) The number of car practical tests conducted and passed nationwide in 2011/12

In the table below, you can find the number of car practical tests conducted and passed nationwide in 2011/12.

Number of car practical tests conducted nationwide in 2011/12	Number of car practical tests passed nationwide in 2011/12
1,569,069	736,158

6) The number of car practical tests failed nationwide in 2011/12 where the candidate incurred a dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors'

In the table below, you can find the number of car practical tests failed nationwide in 2011/2 where the candidate incurred a dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors – change speed'.

Financial year	Number of car practical tests failed nationwide in 2011/12 where the candidate incurred a dangerous or serious fault against 'use of mirrors – change speed'
2011/12	35,567

7) The number of complaints made against your examiner concerning his behaviour and conduct on car practical tests conducted at Worcester test centre in 2011/12

We can neither confirm nor deny whether there has been any complaints made against your examiner concerning his behaviour and conduct on car practical tests conducted at Worcester test centre in 2011/12. But if we did hold this information, it would probably be exempt from release under section 40 (2) (personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption in full is attached at Annex C.

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