

**How many people in the UK over the last five years up to 8 March 2012 have failed their car theory and practical tests more than 15 times? How many times it took each candidate? Whether they were male or female? Whereabouts in the country their test was taken?**

At Annex B, you can find the number of people in Great Britain that have taken their car theory test more than 15 times between 9 March 2007 and 8 March 2012. We have also provided you with information on the number of attempts taken by each candidate, their gender and where they took their last test.

At Annex C, you can find the number of people in Great Britain that have taken their car practical test more than 15 times between 9 March 2007 and 8 March 2012. We have also provided you with information on the number of attempts taken by each candidate, their gender, their result and where they took their last test.

We have, however, had to withhold information on some of the test centres in which a candidate's last attempt at the theory or practical test was taken. This is because to provide the information could lead to the identification of an individual if released. We have labelled this as 'other' in Annexes B and C. If an individual could be identified, this information would be classed as personal data and as such is exempt under section 40(2) (personal data) of FoIA. A copy of this exemption in full is attached at Annex D.

Please also note:

- the information provided for the theory test is based on candidates' most recent failed attempts being taken between 9 March 2007 and 8 March 2012. Previous attempts may have been taken before 9 March 2007.
- the information provided for the practical test is based on candidates' attempts between 9 March 2007 and 8 March 2012. It doesn't take into account attempts taken before that date range.
- that we are only responsible for the theory and practical test in Great Britain. The Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA) is responsible for theory and practical tests in Northern Ireland. You can find contact details for the DVA on their website at [http://www.dvlni.gov.uk/Freedom%20of%20Information/FOI\\_form.aspx](http://www.dvlni.gov.uk/Freedom%20of%20Information/FOI_form.aspx)

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