

Theory Test**1. Unique number of candidates who sat the Theory Tests in 2011/12 for both learner car drivers and motorcyclists**

Please find below the unique number of candidates who sat their theory tests in 2011/12 for car and motorcycle tests.

Category of theory test	Total Candidates
Bike	58,271
Car	996,480

2. Total number of candidates who passed the Theory Test on their first attempt in 2011/12 for both learner car drivers and motorcyclists**3. What was the first time pass rate for Theory Tests taken in 2011/12 for both learner car drivers and motorcyclists**

Please find below the total number of candidates who passed the theory test on their first attempt in 2011/12 for both car and motorcycle tests including the total first time pass rates for the year.

Category of theory test	Pass 1st Attempt	Fail 1st Attempt	Pass 1st Attempt %	Total 1st attempts
Bike	43,880	9,908	81.58%	53,788
Car	526,674	274,668	65.72%	801,342

Practical Driving Tests**4. Unique number of candidates who sat the Practical Tests in 2011/12 for both learner car drivers and motorcyclists**

Please find below the unique number of candidates who sat their practical tests in 2011/12 for car and motorcycle tests.

Category	Count of Driver's
A1 - any motorcycle over 75cc and less than 125cc and capable of less than 62.5 mph (100 Km/h) - Module 1	403
A1 - any motorcycle over 75cc and less than 125cc and capable of less than 62.5 mph (100 Km/h) - Module 2	214
A2 - any motorcycle over 120cc and less than 125cc and capable of at least 62.5 mph (100 Km/h) Module 1	11,247
A2 - any motorcycle over 120cc and less than 125cc and capable of at least 62.5 mph (100 Km/h) Module 2	10,356
A - (DAS) Direct Access scheme and Accelerated Access (AA) - Any machine at least 35 kW (46.6 BHP) - Module1	33,713
A - (DAS) Direct Access scheme and Accelerated Access (AA) - Any	32,564

machine at least 35 kW (46.6 BHP) - Module 2	
B – Car tests	923,086
Total	970,533

5. Total number of candidates who passed the Practical Test on their first attempt in 2011/12 for both learner car drivers and motorcyclists

6. What was the first time pass rate for Practical Driving Tests taken in 2011/12 for both learner car drivers and motorcyclists

Information about the number of candidates and pass rates for the car practical test is published on our website at:

http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics?orderby=title&post_type=table&series=driving-tests-and-instructors. As this information is already in the public domain, it is exempt from release under section 21 (information readily accessible of the FoIA. A copy of this exemption is attached at Annex B.

We cannot produce accurate reports about the number of candidates who pass their motorcycle test on their first attempt. Our reporting system will take into account attempts at other categories of test (e.g. car) and if reporting on module 2 tests it will include all attempts at the module 1 test. This information is therefore exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA. A full breakdown of this exemption can be found at Annex C.

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To compile details of candidates who passed each of the motorcycle tests on their first attempt would involve manually checking each candidates record to see if they have taken another category of test and manually compiling these statistics. In 2011/12, 47,447 motorcycle tests were taken and It is estimated that to review each candidates details and record the findings would take 5 minutes. This equates to 3,954 hours which exceeds the 24 working hour limit.

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