

Can I please have a breakdown of the number of first time practical test passes per each UK county in 2011 (calendar year) for cars and bikes?

At Annex B, you can find a breakdown of the number of first time test passes for candidates taking their first attempt at the car practical test in 2011.

At Annex C, you can find a breakdown of the number of first time test passes for candidates taking their first attempt at the bike practical test in 2011.

We produce reports either at a national level or by driving test centre. We do not produce reports by county. The Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA) is responsible for car 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

We have not provided details of test centres where only one examiner has conducted all the tests within one category. This information is being withheld under section 36(2)(c) on the grounds that its disclosure would prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs. This is a qualified exemption which is 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. You can find at Annex D the exemption in full, as well as the factors we have considered when deciding where the public interest lay.

Please note that the information provided at Annexes B and C:

- is based on car and bike practical tests taken in 2011 and doesn't take into account any attempts made in previous years. Therefore if a candidate failed their car or bike practical test in 2010 but passed it in on their first attempt in 2011; they'd be included in the information attached at Annexes C and D as passing their car or bike practical test on the first attempt in 2011.
- reflects all first attempts and the test centres in which they were taken; therefore if a candidate took their car or bike practical test in 2011 at one test centre and failed it and then took it at a different test centre in 2011 and passed it, they wouldn't be included as passing their test at the first attempt at the second test centre.

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