

1) The number of category C practical driving tests conducted and passed from 2004/5 to 2011/12 broken down by driving test centre

2) The number of category C&E practical driving tests conducted and passed from 2004/5 to 2011/12 broken down by driving test centre

Attached at Annex B are details of category C (large goods vehicle) and C + E (large goods vehicle and trailer) practical tests taken and passed at each test centre since the 2004/05 financial year.

Please note that if only one examiner has conducted all tests at one test centre, we have amalgamated these tests. Information about individual driving examiner pass rates is exempt from release under section 36(2)(c) on the grounds that its disclosure would prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs. This is 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. Attached at Annex C is the exemption in full as well as the factors we have considered when deciding where the public interest lay.

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