

**Please confirm to me the following in relation to your driving examiner recruitment campaign from 2011:**

**1) How many driving examiner courses were undertaken at Cardington and the date of these courses?**

I can confirm that there were 18 driving examiner courses undertaken at Cardington in relation to our external driving examiner recruitment campaign in 2011. The dates of these courses were as follows:

- 25 July 2011
- 15 August 2011
- 5 September 2011
- 26 September 2011
- 17 October 2011
- 24 October 2011
- 31 October 2011
- 7 November 2011
- 21 November 2011
- 16 January 2012
- 23 January 2012
- 30 January 2012
- 6 February 2012
- 20 February 2012
- 27 February 2012
- 5 March 2012
- 21 May 2012
- 25 June 2012

**2) How many candidates were on these courses?**

The information we hold shows that there were 143 attendees at the 18 driving examiner courses. Three candidates, however, attended two different courses either due to personal reasons or being back-tracked. Therefore, there were 140 people at the 18 driving examiner courses.

By back-tracked we mean where a candidate requires further tuition and it is agreed that they need to re-do part of the course. The candidate would instead of moving on to the next part of the course be allowed do the part of the course again where further tuition was identified.

**3) How many of those candidates were recruited externally from outside the DSA, DfT or other Government (civil service) departments?**

When running an external recruitment campaign we don't ask applicants to tell us if they work for DSA, DfT or other government departments. We would only hold this information if the applicant voluntarily gave it to us or in the case that they were DSA employees by reviewing personnel records. Based on the information we hold:

- 137 candidates were recruited from outside of DSA, DfT or other government departments
- three candidates were recruited from DSA, DfT or other government departments

**4) Of those candidates who attended Cardington how many of those had undertaken more than one assessment drive involving either a grade 'C' or grade 'D' assessment drive?**

A candidate who receives a grade D at an assessment drive will automatically fail and won't be allowed to take another assessment drive or attend Cardington. Therefore, no candidates attending Cardington undertook more than one assessment drive where they were awarded a grade D

I can confirm that of the 137 candidates attending Cardington, 15 had undertaken more than one assessment drive where they were awarded a grade C.

Please note that the information supplied in response to questions one to four refers to the 2011 external driving examiner recruitment campaign.

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