

1) Number of driving instructors in the UK for today(year 2012)?

2) How many people become driving instructors per year(approx.)?

You can find this information about the number of approved driving instructors (ADIs) and the number of applications since April 2011 on our website at

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/tables/ins0101/> Information about the number of applications to become an ADI prior to this date is published in our Annual Reports and Accounts. The 2010/11 report can be found at: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-annual-report-accounts-2010-11/> This information is therefore exempt under section 21 (information accessible by other means) of the FoIA. A copy of this exemption is attached at Annex B for information.

3) Where to find email addresses or contact details of some 1000 driving instructors so that I can survey or interview them?

I can confirm that DSA does hold contact details for ADIs, but as it will identify individuals, it is classed as personal data and any processing of this information has to be in compliance with the Data Protection Act (DPA).

Instructors are also asked to consent to publication of their details on official government websites to aid the public when they are looking for an instructor. These details can be found using the following link below. Details of instructors who have supplied their consent are therefore exempt from release under section 21 (information accessible by other means).

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/LearnerAndNewDrivers/LearningToDriveOrRide/DG_4022528

Details of instructors who have not supplied their consent for their details to be published are exempt from release under section 40(2) (personal information) of FoIA. Release of their details without their consent would not be fair to the individuals concerned. A copy of this exemption is attached at Annex C.

4) Number of pupils that sat their practice test in year 2009, 2010 and 2011?

You can find information about the number of candidates who have sat their practical test at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/foi/dsa-ia0016012/> . This information is therefore exempt under section 21 of FoIA.

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