

I would like to request the following information:

1) The number of car practical tests passed from 2001/2 to 2010/11 split by age

You can find the number of car practical tests passed from 2001/2 to 2006/7 split by age at Annex B. Please note that the information is presented in slightly different ways in some of the financial years. This is due to the way the report was set up at the time of running each report after the end of that financial year.

You can find the number of car practical tests passed from 2007/8 to 2010/11 split by age online at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/tables/drt0203/>. The information at this website address is split by financial year in separate worksheets.

The information found at the above website address is therefore exempt under section 21 (information accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). A copy of this exemption in full can be found at Annex C.

Please note that:

- age and gender details are based on recorded information. In the case of Great British licence holders we are reliant upon the correct information being held on the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's (DVLA) database as this is our source.
- age and gender details about licence holders from other countries (such as Northern Ireland) are reliant upon information being captured accurately at the time of booking a test. In some cases, age and gender will not have been captured. Where age or gender has not been captured these candidates will be recorded in the unknown or unidentified columns. They will, however, be included in the overall totals
- information on a candidate's age is extracted from the date of birth (DoB) on either the DVLA driving licence number or the DoB the candidate gives us (in the event of licence holders from other countries). If either the driving licence number is formatted incorrectly at DVLA or the candidate gives us an incorrect DoB it means the age at test on our systems can be incorrect.

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