

1) The number of car practical tests conducted and passed by attempt at Herne Bay in 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11.

At Annex B, you can find the number of car practical tests conducted and passed by attempt at Herne Bay multi-purpose test centre (MPTC) from 2008/9 to 2010/11. This information is correct as of 29 March 2012.

Please note that:

- the information provided on first time passes is based on tests conducted in each of those financial years. Therefore, any car theory or practical tests taken outside of these periods will not have been taken into account in the first time pass information. To explain that further if the same candidate took a car practical in 2008/9 and failed it but took a further one in 2009/10 and passed it, that candidate would have a first time pass rate in 2009/10.
- The information on first time pass rates is based on a candidate's first attempt and not their first attempt at Herne Bay MPTC. To explain that further, if the same candidate took a car practical test at another test centre and failed it then passed their car theory test at Herne Bay MPTC in the same financial year, the candidate wouldn't be included in the first time pass information in that financial year at Herne Bay

2) Do driving examiners have a limit on the proportion of car practical tests they are allowed to pass? Does this proportion vary according to local factors? What is this ratio? 3) Does a test centre have a limit on the proportion of car practical tests it is allowed to pass and, if so, what is the ratio?

We do not set a limit on the proportion of car practical tests driving examiners or driving test centres are allowed to pass. We, therefore, do not hold any information in regard to this subject.

Candidates will pass the car practical test if they do not commit any serious or dangerous faults and have fewer than 16 driving faults. The outcome of a driving test is entirely dependent upon a candidate's ability and performance during their test.

4) What, if any, rights of appeal do drivers who have failed their car practical test have? 5) What is the procedure for appealing and which body hears the appeals?

You can find details of candidates' rights to appeal against a failed car practical test and the procedure for appealing on the back of the driving test report form. A copy of this form can be found online at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-driving-test-report-forms>. You can also find further information online at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/dsa/dsa-service-standards/dsa-complaints-procedure>. This information is, therefore, exempt from release under section 21 (information accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act. A full breakdown of this exemption can be found at Annex C.

6) Are examiners incentivised or penalised depending on the number of car practical test passes they give out?

Examiners do not receive an incentive or get penalised depending on the number of car practical test passes they issue. We, therefore, do not hold any information in regard to this subject.

7) How often are car practical test driving examiners assessed? Who does the assessment? What form does the assessment take?

At Annex D, you can find an extract from our DT2 (instructions for test centre managers) standard operating procedure which explains how often examiners are assessed, who does the assessment and what form it takes.

Please note that the DT2, including the part about examiners being assessed, is currently under review.

8) Are car practical test driving examiners employed directly by DSA or do they work on a freelance/self-employed basis? If this is an either/or, what is the proportion of DSA-employed examiners to freelance?

All car practical driving examiners are employed directly by DSA.

9) How much income has DSA generated from car practical test fees from 2001/2 to 2009/10? 10) The total income and expenditure for DSA for each year from 2001/2 to 2009/10

You can find information on income generated from the car practical test, total income generated and total expenditure from 2001/2 to 2009/10 in our Annual Report and Accounts (ARAs). You can find our ARAs for the financial years 2004/5 to 2009/10 on our website at <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110106083150/http://www.dft.gov.uk/dsa/Catagory.asp?cat=650>. This information is, therefore, exempt from release under section 21 of the FOIA.

Please note that information for 2001/2 to 2004/5 can be found in the five year financial summary in our 2004/5 ARA.

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