

Can you provide the following information for the Bedford driving test centre in the 2010 and 2011 calendar years, for standard car practical driving tests (category B):

1) The top five reasons for candidates failing their test

In the table below, you can find the top five reasons why candidates failed their car practical test at Bedford in 2010 and 2011.

Top five reasons why a candidate failed a car practical test at Bedford DTC in 2010	Top five reasons why a candidate failed a car practical test at Bedford DTC in 2011
1) Junctions – observation	1) Junctions – observation
2) Mirrors – change direction	2) Mirrors – change direction
3) Response to signs – traffic signs	3) Response to signs – traffic signs
4) Response to signs – road markings	4) Move off - safely
5) Move off - safely	5) Response to signs – road markings

Please note this information is based on serious and dangerous faults incurred on the car practical test. It does not take into account those candidates that failed the car practical test because they incurred 16 or more driver (or minor) faults with no serious or dangerous faults committed.

2) The number of tests taken by male and female candidates

In the table below, you can find the number of car practical test conducted at Bedford driving test centre broken down by gender in 2010 and 2011. We've also provided you with the number of tests passed.

Gender	Number of car practical tests conducted in 2010	Number of car practical tests passed in 2010	Number of car practical tests conducted in 2011	Number of car practical tests passed in 2011
Male	3,067	1,602	3,177	1,546
Female	3,375	1,472	3,281	1,431

3) The number of first times passes by male and female candidates

In the table below, you can find the number of tests conducted on the first occasion and the number of those passed at Bedford DTC in 2010 and 2011. This information is broken down by gender.

Gender	Number of car practical tests conducted on the first occasion in 2010	Number of car practical tests passed on first occasion in 2010	Number of car practical tests conducted on the first occasion in 2011	Number of car practical tests passed on first occasion in 2011
Male	2,039	1,060	2,017	961
Female	2,208	866	1,977	837

Please note that the number of car practical tests conducted on the first occasion and those passed on the first occasion in 2010 and 2011 is based on attempts taken within those two periods only. Therefore, if a candidate took a car practical test in 2009 and failed but the same candidate took it in 2010 and passed it, they would be included as passing on the first occasion in 2010.

Please also note that the information provided in response to questions one to three is based on standard car practical tests conducted at Bedford DTC in 2010 and 2011. It doesn't include information on extended car practical tests.

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