

Please advise details of any Car Driving Test Centres that the DSA are considering or scheduled to close between now and 6th April 2016.

Please note that since your request was received, the Minister has stated that there should be no further test centre closures unless the DSA can continue to offer a service in the community. The Minister has asked us to consider driving test delivery using an outreach model in centres of population where there is no permanent test centre.

The table below shows details of Car Driving Test Centres that are scheduled to close up to 6th April 2016. Please note that these sites are only being closed as a result of moves to MPTCs or due to terminations notices being served on DSA.

Closure Date	Test Centre	Notes
18 February 2011	Dorchester	New premises in Dorchester
18 February 2011	Dundee	Moved to Dundee MPTC
18 February 2011	Gravesend	Moved to Gillingham MPTC
24 March 2011	Dumbarton	New premises in Dumbarton
TBC	Kilmarnock	Moving to Irvine
TBC	Saltcoats	Moving to Irvine
21/4/11	Ashford Kent	Premises identified in Ashford. Closure as a result of termination notice served on DSA at current premises
21/6/11	Yeovil	Premises identified in Yeovil. Closure as a result of termination notice served on DSA at current premises
TBC	Nottingham Chalfont Drive	Premises identified in Nottingham. Closure as a result of termination notice served on DSA at current premises
31/3/11	Hawick	Premises identified in Hawick. Closure as a result of termination notice served on DSA at current premises

We do hold further information about test centres that we were considering for closure or where we have received a termination notice but this is exempt under the following sections of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- Section 35 – Formulation of Government Policy
- Section 43 – Commercial Interests

Section 35(1)(b) Formulation of Government Policy

This is a qualified exemption. This means that even if information is exempt under this section of FOIA, the public authority (DSA) must consider whether it is in the public interest to disclose it. A copy of this exemption, in full, and public interest test can be found at Annex B.

Section 43(2) Commercial Interests

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Having considered the public interest on the above exemption, DSA believes that the balance of the public interest test determines that the information is exempt from release. DSA's decision is therefore to withhold the information.

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