

I would like to know how many candidates have successfully passed a practical test nationwide for

1. Cat B during April 2001- March 2011

2. Cat B+E during April 2001- March 2011

Statistics showing the number of candidates passing a Category B or Category B+E test since the 2007/08 financial year are can be found on our website and as such are exempt from release under Section 21 - information accessible by other means. However, our website is being redeveloped and any link we may provide you with to this information is liable to change during the next few weeks. We have therefore provided all the information requested in the table below:

Year	Cat B		Cat B + E	
	Conducted	Passed	Conducted	Passed
2001/02	1,217,515	528,313	6*	2
2002/03	1,348,191	582,276	927*	451
2003/04	1,399,385	598,347	1,183	650
2004/05	1,673,309	708,005	2,692	1,428
2005/06	1,833,751	780,479	4,161	2,225
2006/07	1,784,464	773,325	5,463	2,996
2007/08	1,769,585	782,638	7,403	4,300
2008/09	1,739,042	787,641	9,047	5,522
2009/10	1,534,016	703,983	9,629	6,154
2010/11	1,605,599	744,056	11,666	7,512

*please note that we cannot guarantee the accuracy for the information about B + E tests taken and passed in the 2001/02 and 2002/03 years due to the age of the data

3. I would also like to know what percentage that have taken their practical Cat B test since 1st jan 1997 have gone onto take a B+E practical test

This is information that we do not currently produce and to compile this information would take in excess of 24 hours. This information is therefore exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA. A full breakdown of this exemption can be found at Annex B.

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To compile the information would require us to extract details of all drivers (approximately 7 million records) who have taken and passed a category B test and this information is not

held prior to 2001 and is currently held on two data bases. We would then have to extract details of those who have passed a category B +E test and run a comparison exercise.

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