



Our reference: **IA/00471/13**

1. The top twenty highest number of minors and majors achieved by learner drivers during their practical car driving tests. Please refer to all tests since 2004. Please could you provide two lists (minors/majors) and break down the information with regard to:

- The person's age
- The person's gender
- The city they took the test in
- The number of minors or majors they scored
- What the minors/majors were for
- Whether they completed the test (and if not, how many minutes into the test they were stopped)
- The date (month/year only) of the test

If time/financial restraints are an issue, please could you just include the top twenty highest number of minors.

Please find table below for the top twenty highest number of minor faults achieved by learner drivers during their practical car driving tests since 1 April 2004:

Age at Test	Gender	Location of Test centre	Driver Faults	Test Completed	Test Date
35	Male	South Norwood(Closed)	48	Yes	Jan-12
47	Male	Hither Green	48	Yes	Nov-11
21	Male	Ipswich	46	Yes	Jul-07
26	Female	Scunthorpe(Closed)	46	Yes	Feb-07
17	Male	Stevenage	45	Yes	Jan-10
42	Male	Bury St Edmunds	43	Yes	Jun-05
33	Male	South Norwood(Closed)	43	Yes	Dec-04



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38	Female	Whalley Range- Manchester(Closed)	43	Yes	May-06
23	Male	South Norwood(Closed)	43	Yes	Jul-08
20	Male	Guildford	43	Yes	Feb-05
31	Male	South Norwood(Closed)	43	Yes	Mar-08
29	Female	Leeds	43	Yes	Oct-07
41	Female	Hither Green	42	Yes	Apr-05
29	Female	Sunderland	42	Yes	Jul-09
55	Female	Barking	42	Yes	Jul-08
24	Male	Gravesend	42	Yes	Jul-07
36	Female	Wednesbury	42	Yes	Jun-12
19	Male	Wolverhampton	42	Yes	Mar-07
48	Female	Brighton	42	Yes	Apr-04
54	Male	Heysham	42	Yes	Jan-06

We do not hold information about when a test is stopped. We also do not hold, in a central record, details of exactly what the faults given relate to. To compile this information would involve us to manually reviewing 100 DL25's (in respect of all five questions in this request) to ascertain the reasons for each fault. This information is therefore exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA. A copy of this exemption is attached at Annex A.

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We have estimated that it would take fifteen minutes to review one DL25 to ascertain the reasons for the fault markings. Therefore to check all 100 records would take longer than 25 hours, which would exceed the 24 hour working hour limit prescribed.

We do record details of the number of serious and dangerous faults on the test report form, but accurate data for this is not held in a central location. Our report scanning equipment is not accurately capturing this level of information and to compile the information would require us to review all tests conducted and manually compile this data. In the 2012/13 financial year, we conducted in excess of 1.4 million tests so a review would exceed the cost of compliance limit and is exempt under section 12 of FoIA.

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