

How many pass certificates or/and full licences have been withdrawn by the DfT or its agencies due to illegal activity or short testing on a driving test? Please list by category of test and general reason for this. Also, if it was through a driving test list if delegated or DSA employed examiner. Please list by each year. The time period for this request is the last full five years and part year to date.

Our Fraud and Integrity team (F&I) is responsible for handling the withdrawal of pass certificates and full licences following reports of illegal activity where there is sufficient evidence to support the revocation. In the table below, you can find the number of licence and test pass revocations that our F&I team has handled in the last five years and this year to date.

Year	Number of pass certificates and full licences withdrawn that have been handled by DSA's F&I team
2006	390
2007 (1 January to 31 March)	16
2007/8	330
2008/9	312
2009/10	232
2010/11	441
2011/12 (1 April to 12 August)	121

Please note that:

- the information prior to the 2007/8 financial year is held centrally by calendar year
- the figures above represent full licences and theory and practical test pass certificates

Information on the category of test, reason for revocation and whether it was a DSA examiner or delegated examiner that conducted the test (if relevant) is not held in a central record by our F&I team.

Our Operations team is responsible for revocations due to driving licences being obtained by some type of fraud. This means that the candidate did not have a valid provisional licence when they took their theory test or practical test. This information is not held by our Operations team in a central record.

To compile the information held by our Operations team, and that which is not held centrally by our F&I team to establish how many pass certificates and licences were revoked for illegal activity and short testing on a driving test, would involve manually reviewing the cases files associated with each revocation.

We have estimated that to manually review all of the 1,842 revocations held by our F&I team and the information held by our operations team would take in excess of one week, which would exceed the 24 working hours as prescribed in section 12 (cost of compliance) of the Freedom of Information Act. You can find a copy of the section 12 exemption text at Annex B.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's (DVLA) Drivers Investigation team set an enforcement marker on a driver record where there is evidence of illegal activity or when they are informed/suspect identity fraud or fraudulent activity.

As of 6 August 2011, DVLA has a record of 1,494 full driving licences where the test pass was negated. You can find in the table below a break down of this information by category of full licence that was held when the pass certificate was revoked. This information is based on all the records DVLA hold and not just those for the last five years and this year to date.

Category of full licence held when pass certificate revoked	Number of negated test passes where driver had full licence
A	9
A2	1
B	1,407
BE	1
C	30
CE	13
D	22
D1	2
G	1
H	8

Please note that this information may include drivers that held more than one category of entitlement.

DVLA do not hold, in a central record, information on which year the full licence was revoked and the reason for revocation. To compile this information would involve manually reviewing the record of each full licence holder where the test pass was negated. The DVLA has estimated that to review all of the 1,494 records would take 50 hours, which would exceed the 24 working hours as prescribed in section 12 of the FoIA.

DVLA do not hold information on whether the examiner that took the negated test pass was a DSA examiner or a delegated driving examiner.

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