

## **FOI Request (received 24 September 2021) - Reference: DFI/2021-0358**

I am interested in the percentage rate for test failures across all Testing Centres, but not individually, this would be for all cars and motorcycles from 1st July to date.

Can I also take this opportunity to point out that the new booking website does not allow the booking of re-tests. This is compounding the current issues. The telephone booking system is currently turned off making it impossible to book a retest. Perhaps you could pass this information on. I note that a retest must be booked within 21 days???

I take particular care to ensure my vehicle is always in a roadworthy condition and was presented for testing as such. The failure issue came as quite a surprise as I have received many pass certificates for motorcycles with the headlight section clearly stating "fail". On this particular occasion the headlamp was set to allow safe riding in darkness with a pillion passenger. I can appreciate there are tolerances and that a low dipped beam is categorized as a major failure but I believe testers should be allowed some scope to override this and thus help towards the problem of a large number of vehicles on Northern Ireland's roads without tests and many in a dangerous condition.

## **Response (issued 13 October 2021)**

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 September 2021 requesting information on the percentage rate for test failures across all Testing Centres for all cars and motorcycles from 1 July to date.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the figures you have requested are designated National Statistics in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007. National Statistics are exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 under Section 22 information intended for future publication.

The percentage rate for test failures across all testing centres are published as DVA National Statistics on a quarterly reporting cycle. The most recent report for the quarter ending 30 June 2021 is available on the Departmental website via the link below.

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/dfi-driver-vehicle-operator-and-enforcement-statistics-2021-22-quarter-one>

Section 1 Vehicle Testing of our latest report and Table 1.14: Vehicle Test Pass Rates by Test Category and Test Centre within this section will detail the figures you have requested to the end of June 2021.

Figures for quarter 2, 1 July to 30 September 2021, will be released publically in late November or early December 2021. As National Statistics, I cannot release figures beyond the end of June in advance of their scheduled publication in accordance with statistical pre-release protocols. This is standard practice for all National Statistics.

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