

Statement of Administrative Sources

Driving Standards Agency: Testing and Registration System

Collection

The Driving Standards Agency (DSA) collects data on the Testing and Registration system (TARS) and the Road Safety Information System (RSIS) for the purpose of administering, delivering and recording results for practical driving tests. Data is also captured to administer the register of approved driving instructors and other driver/rider training registers.

Full details about the information that is collected, how the information is used, if it is disclosed and the ways in which users' privacy is protected and detailed in our privacy statement which can be found at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-privacy-statement>

Application

The TARS system is used to administer booking and delivery of the Practical Test and the register of approved driving instructors. Practical test results are captured by the RSIS Database and then transferred to the RSIS Management Information System (MIS) which holds the record.

Access and dissemination

DSA does not share or disseminate the administrative/management data, either inside or outside the organisation, during the period before they are converted into official statistics – whether via a hardcopy, an intranet, access to a database.

Non-statistical publication

None by the Department or DSA.

Statistical publication

.Practical testing:

- Car tests:
 - Quarterly pass rate by gender and month
 - Annual pass rates by age and attempt
 - Annual pass rates by age and gender
 - Annual pass rates by ethnicity
- Motorcycle tests:
 - Quarterly module 1 pass rate by gender and month
 - Annual module 1 pass rate by age and gender
 - Annual module 1 pass rate by ethnicity
 - Quarterly module 2 pass rate by gender and month
 - Annual module 2 pass rate by age and gender
 - Annual module 2 pass rate by ethnicity
- Approved driving instructor (ADI) tests
 - Quarterly part 2 pass rates by gender and month
 - Quarterly part 3 pass rates by gender and month

- Large Goods Vehicle (LGV Category C)
 - Quarterly pass rates by gender and month
 - Annual pass rates by ethnicity
- Passenger Carrying Vehicle (PCV Category D)
 - Quarterly pass rates by gender and month
 - Annual pass rates by ethnicity

Approved Driving Instructor Register:

- Monthly register statistics

Integrated Register of Driver Trainers:

- Quarterly register statistics by month

In addition to the above, a number of operational statistics are also produced and published.

Synergies

The statistics produced by DSA are unadjusted aggregates of testing and delivery statistics in the DSA databases.

Security / data protection arrangements

All data is held within DSA systems and not transferred. Data protection arrangements are detailed in the DSA privacy statement which can be found at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-privacy-statement>

If data is extracted for statistical purposes, all names and addresses are removed.

Statistical end products

(all published at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/series/driving-test/>)

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Administrative / management source or system

Title: Testing and Registration System (TARS), Road Safety Information System (RSIS) and RSIS Management Information System (MIS)

Owner: Driving Standards Agency

Purpose of database: For the operational management of delivery of testing and monitoring of trainers.

Unit of inquiry: Candidate or trainer

Intend coverage: 100%

Completeness: 100%

Geographical coverage: Great Britain

Lowest level of geographical coverage: Postcode of practical test candidate, Instructor home postcode or ATB official address postcode.

Extent to which statistical end-producers can influence the system: DSA statistics can only influence what is collected where there are statutory reporting duties.

Data definitions used: Provided in the Driver and Rider Testing and Instructor definitions document

Classification systems used: Provided in Driver and Rider Testing and Instructor definitions document

Periodicity / timing: Original DSA database updated on a daily basis. DSA holds rolling back up tape snapshots at the end of each day, month and calendar year. The yearly back up is held for 12 months.

Validation procedures:

Access arrangements: DSA have internal access procedures for operational, delivery and enforcement purposes.

Dissemination procedures: The Department has a publication calendar for announcing publication dates in advance.

Timing of release: ADI register releases are c. 1 week after month end, quarterly releases are c. 6 weeks after the end of the reporting period and annual statistics are published each July and August. Further details of what we publish and when can be found at (publication timetable link)

Nature of changes to the system which can impact on the statistics: There are no plans to change definitions, however, classification of motorcycle testing is likely to change as part of the EU 3rd Directive as graduated motorcycle testing is introduced.

Change process

There are currently no legislative obligations to deliver stats to EC EU or domestic government so any changes will be agreed internally within the Agency

The subsequent statistical production process

Validation procedures: Data are aggregated totals taken directly from the database. Most validation is carried out on the raw data.

Quality assessment: The quality of statistics produced is maintained by a number of measures which include peer review (within DSA and DfT), self assessment and internal validation checks.

Periodicity of release: see *statistical publication above*.

Potential impact of changes: The system may be changed to reflect new categories of test or splitting of elements of testing, training or EC requirements.

Mitigation of discontinuities: Any significant changes may cause discontinuities in sub-sections of the series (e.g. changes test categories, splitting the practical motorcycle test into two modules). However, the overall series should not be affected.

Most anticipated changes will introduce new data variables rather than change anything substantial within the dataset.

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