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# Public Administration Committee - Twelfth Report Government and IT- "A Recipe For Rip-Offs": Time For A New Approach

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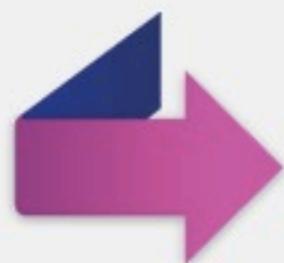
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### What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?



A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document that lets you appoint someone to make decisions about your welfare, money or property. It can be used at any time when if you are not able to make your own decisions. Find out more about a Lasting Power of Attorney.

### What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document. It allows you to appoint someone that you trust as an 'attorney' to make decisions on your behalf. Attorneys can make decisions for you when you no longer wish to or when you lack the mental capacity to do so.

An LPA cannot be used until it's registered with the Office of the Public Guardian

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### Choosing your attorney for a Lasting Power of Attorney



You need to think carefully about who you will appoint as an attorney under a Lasting Power of Attorney. You need to be sure they will act in your best interests. There are also certain legal requirements. Find out what you need to consider when choosing an attorney.

### How to choose an attorney

When appointing an attorney you should consider:

- how well the person looks after their own affairs, such as having good finances
- how well you know the person
- whether you can trust them to use your money to meet your needs and make decisions in your interests
- how happy they will be to take on the role

You may want to appoint more than one person as an attorney to help prevent anyone taking advantage of their responsibilities.

Being an attorney is an important role. You must be sure that the person you choose knows you well enough to make decisions on your behalf that are in your best interests. You must be able to trust them.

You also need to make sure that the person is happy to take on the role and its responsibilities.

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## Overview

A Lasting Power of Attorney lets you appoint someone to make decisions on your behalf. Lasting Powers of Attorney are normally used when someone is unable to make their own decisions.

There are 2 types:

- health and welfare Lasting Power of Attorney
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You can choose to make one type of Lasting Power of Attorney or both.

## Health and welfare Lasting Power of Attorney

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**Employment**

## Bank holidays and British Summer Time



Bank holidays are holidays when banks and many other businesses are closed for the day. Public holidays are holidays which have been observed through custom and practice. Find out about the bank and public holiday dates and when the clocks go forward and back for British Summer Time.

### Bank and public holidays in England and Wales

England and Wales	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
New Year's Day	3 January*	2 January*	1 January	1 January	1 January
Good Friday	22 April	6 April	29 March	18 April	3 April
Easter Monday	25 April	9 April	1 April	21 April	6 April
Royal wedding	29 April	-	-	-	-
Early May Bank Holiday	2 May	7 May	6 May	5 May	4 May
Spring Bank Holiday	30 May	4 June*	27 May	26 May	25 May
Queen's Diamond Jubilee	-	5 June	-	-	-
Summer Bank Holiday	29 August	27 August	26 August	25 August	31 August
Christmas Day	26 December*	25 December	25 December	25 December	25 December
Boxing Day	27 December*	26 December	26 December	26 December	28 December*

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# UK bank holidays

These are the dates of UK bank holidays for 2012 and 2013.

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The next bank holiday in England and Wales is:

Christmas Day  
**25 December**

2012 bank holidays in England and Wales

Date	Day	Holiday Name	Notes
02 January	Monday	New Year's Day	Substitute day
06 April	Friday	Good Friday	
09 April	Monday	Easter Monday	

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The screenshot shows the HM Treasury website's homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for 'HM Treasury', 'Contact us', 'Privacy and Cookies', 'Site map', and 'A-Z'. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a large banner for 'Funding for Lending', supported by the Bank of England and the British Government. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'Funding for Lending Scheme open for business'. On the left, a sidebar lists various ministerial responsibilities such as Budget, Newsroom & speeches, Economic data, Consultations & legislation, Financial services, Infrastructure, International issues, Public spending & reporting, and Taxation, work and welfare. A 'What's new' section on the right lists recent publications like the 'Independent Review into Libor' and speeches by Danny Alexander.

This is a GOV.UK version of the same 'Funding for Lending' page. It features a large Union Jack graphic on the right side. The main title 'Funding for Lending' is displayed prominently. Below it, a text box states: 'The Funding for Lending Scheme (FLS) draw down window is now open for the next eighteen months. Starting today, banks and building societies can borrow in the FLS at cheaper rates.' The rest of the page content is identical to the original HM Treasury site.

The screenshot of the Department for Education website shows the 'Welcome' page. The top navigation bar includes 'Menu', 'Search', 'Advanced search', 'Increase contrast', and 'Contact us'. Below the navigation, there is a large image of two students working at a desk. Text on the page indicates that as of 1 July, there are 1957 academies open in England. There are also sections for 'Professional skills tests' and 'Recommended' links. On the left, there are news items featuring Martin Narey and Nick Gibb, along with a photo of a man in a suit.

This is a GOV.UK version of the '1957 academies open in England' page. It features a large image of two students in a classroom. An orange callout box in the center contains the text: '1957 academies open in England'. At the bottom of the page, there is a small note: 'This Department for Education website is GOV.UK, the new government website'. The rest of the page content is identical to the original DfE site.

The screenshot of the Department for Transport website shows the 'Transport topics' page. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Transport topics', 'Publications', 'Consultations', 'Statistics', 'Transparency', 'News', 'About us', and 'Transport agencies'. Below the navigation, there is a section titled 'Our vision is for a transport system that is an engine for economic growth, but one that is also greener and safer and improves quality of life in our communities'. It features a map of the UK with various transport routes highlighted. There are also sections for 'Aviation', 'Roads', 'Rail', and 'Shipping'. A 'Get ahead of the games' banner at the bottom links to the Paralympic Games.

This is a GOV.UK version of the 'Get ahead of the games' page. It features a large map of the UK with various transport routes highlighted in blue and red. A green callout box in the center contains the text: 'Get ahead of the games'. Below the map, a text box states: 'On 29 August the Paralympic Games commence. We'll need your help again to avoid the busiest times and places. Let's get ready to welcome the world once more.' The rest of the page content is identical to the original DfT site.

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# Maternity pay entitlement

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1 When is your baby due? **3 May 2008**

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2 Are you employed? **Yes**

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3 Did you start your current job on or before 15 July 2007? **Yes**

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## 4 How much are you paid?

This is your total take-home pay before any deductions, eg tax.

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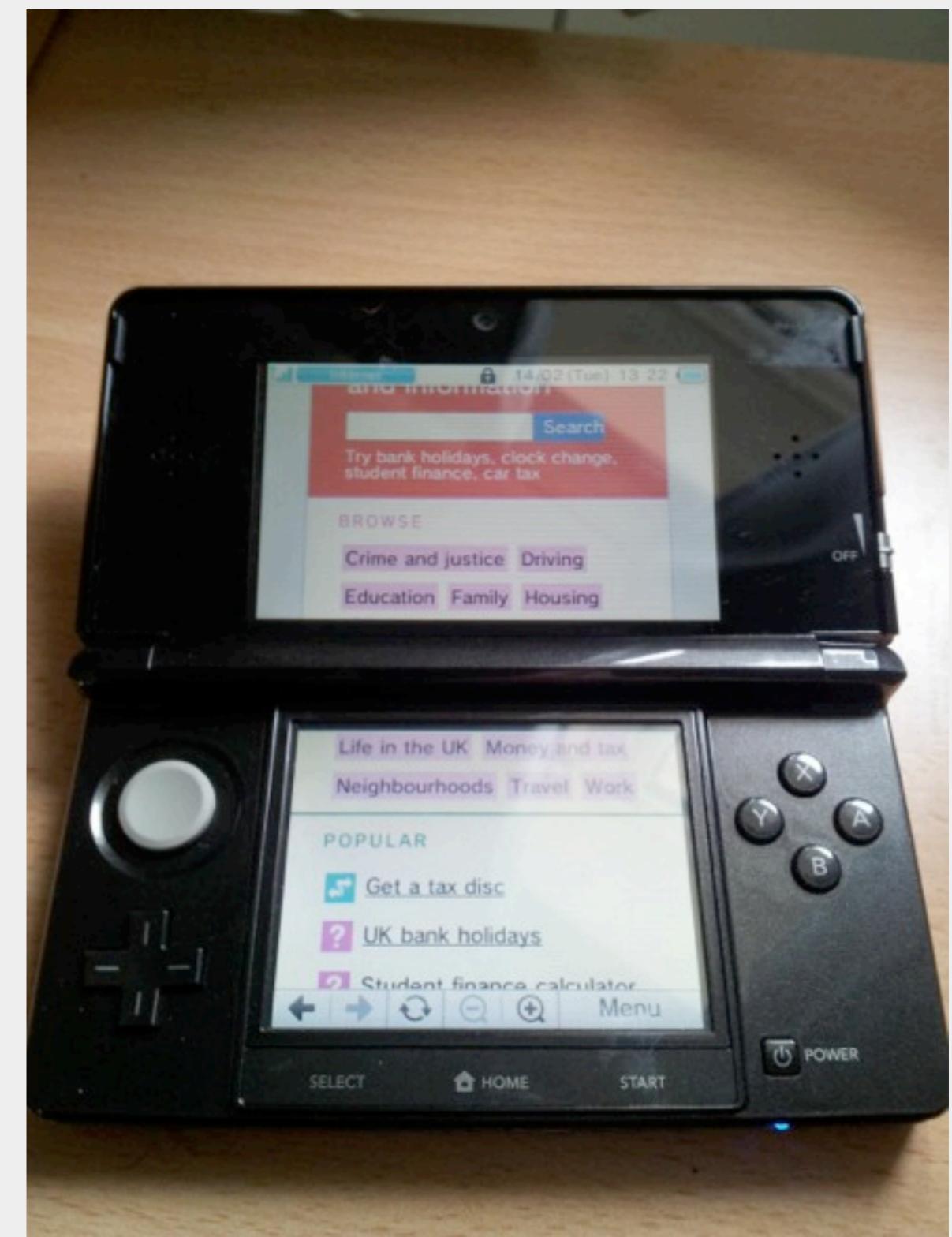
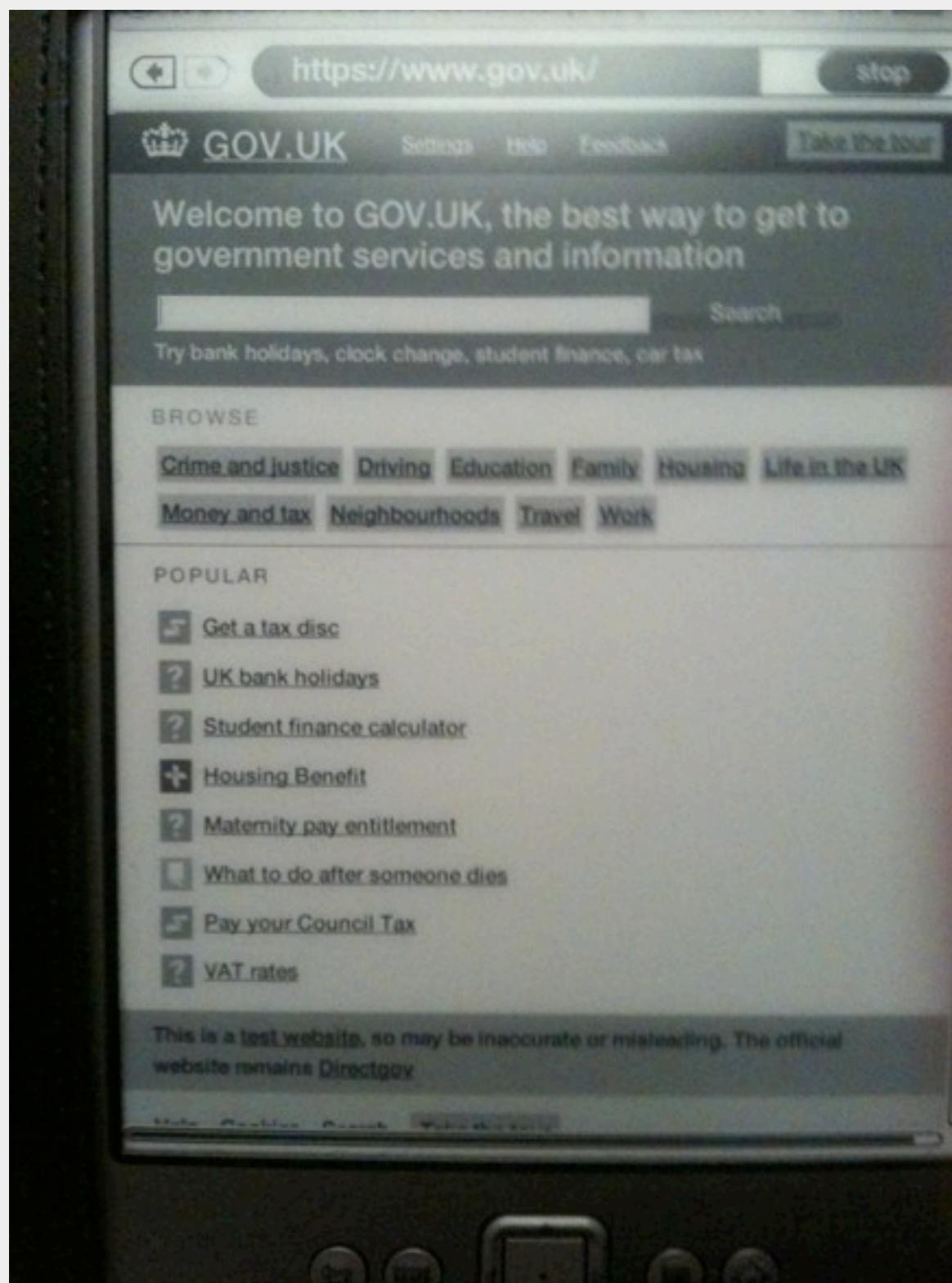
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## Environment and greener living

### Keeping bees



Bees play an important part in the natural world and grown food crops. The number of bees has been falling in recent years. You can help by increasing survival rates by providing plants for them to feed on.

#### Why do bees need help?

The honeybee's role in pollinating plants is estimated to be worth between £100 million and £1 billion a year to British agriculture. In the past two years the honeybee population in the UK has been badly hit.

Numbers of honeybees have dropped by 10 to 15 per cent due to bad weather, disease and the use of pesticides.

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## Parents

### Guarding children against trips and falls



Every year over 390,000 children under the age of five are treated in hospital emergency departments resulting from a fall at home or in the garden. Falls can lead to injuries with long term consequences. These tips will help your child avoid a serious injury.

#### In the home - general safety tips

- bunk and cabin beds are not suitable for children under six – if you do buy one, make sure your child only plays on the top bunk
- use safety glass in glass doors and windows or cover the panes with film so that they won't shatter if they trip or fall into the glass

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## Environment and greener living

### Barbecues and outdoor heaters: greener



Eating and drinking outdoors is hugely popular – there were 10 million barbecues in 2005 alone. There are ways to entertain outside. Try choosing charcoal or gas barbecue and outdoor heaters.

#### Pull on a pullover

Wrapping up warm or going indoors when you get chilly is greener than sitting outside. Barbecues and outdoor heaters that are powered by gas or electricity, use a lot of energy, contributing to climate change. An electric barbecue emits the same amount of carbon dioxide in four hours as the average car emits in a month.

# We're focused on tasks - getting to the 'quick do'

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the GOV.UK website, specifically the service for replacing a lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed driving licence. The page includes a navigation bar with links for Home, Driving, Settings, Help, and Feedback, and a search bar. A sidebar on the right lists related topics such as changing the address or photo on a driving licence, Government Gateway, and identity documents needed for a driving licence application. The main content area features a large button labeled 'Get started >'.

Replace a lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed driving licence

This service requires a [Government Gateway](#) account.

If your driving licence has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed you can apply and pay for a new one online. Apply using your Government Gateway ID. If you don't have one or need to re-register, you'll get an ID as part of your application.

Get started >

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More from the Driving

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The screenshot shows a web browser window for the GOV.UK website, specifically the 'Change the address on your driving licence' service. The page has a dark header with the GOV.UK logo and 'BETA'. Below the header, there's a breadcrumb trail: Home > Driving. The main content area features a large title 'Change the address on your driving licence' with a blue double-headed arrow icon to its left. A callout box states: 'This service requires a [Government Gateway](#) account.' Another box explains: 'You can change the address on your driving licence online. Apply using your Government Gateway ID; if you don't have one or need to re-register, you'll get an ID as part of your application.' A green 'Get started >' button is at the bottom of this box. A note at the very bottom says 'on the Directgov website'. To the right, a sidebar titled 'Related topics' lists links: 'Change your name and address on your vehicle registration certificate (V5C)', 'Change the photo on your driving licence', 'Changing the name on your driving licence', and 'More from the Driving section'.

Change the address on your driving licence

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You can change the address on your driving licence online. Apply using your Government Gateway ID; if you don't have one or need to re-register, you'll get an ID as part of your application.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window for the 'Track your passport application' service. The address bar displays the URL <https://www.gov.uk/track-your-passport-application>. The page header includes the GOV.UK logo (BETA), Settings, Help, Feedback, and a search bar. Below the header, the breadcrumb navigation shows Home > Travel. The main content area features a 'Service' icon (a green arrow pointing right) and the heading 'Track your passport application'. A green callout box contains text about filling an online form for updates and a 3-week wait period. A large 'Get started' button with a right-pointing arrow is prominent. To the right, a sidebar titled 'Related topics' lists 'UK Bank Holidays' and 'More from the Travel section'.

Track your passport application

You can fill in an online form to ask for an update on your passport application. You'll get an email back within 1 day.

You should allow 3 weeks after you submit your application before you use this service.

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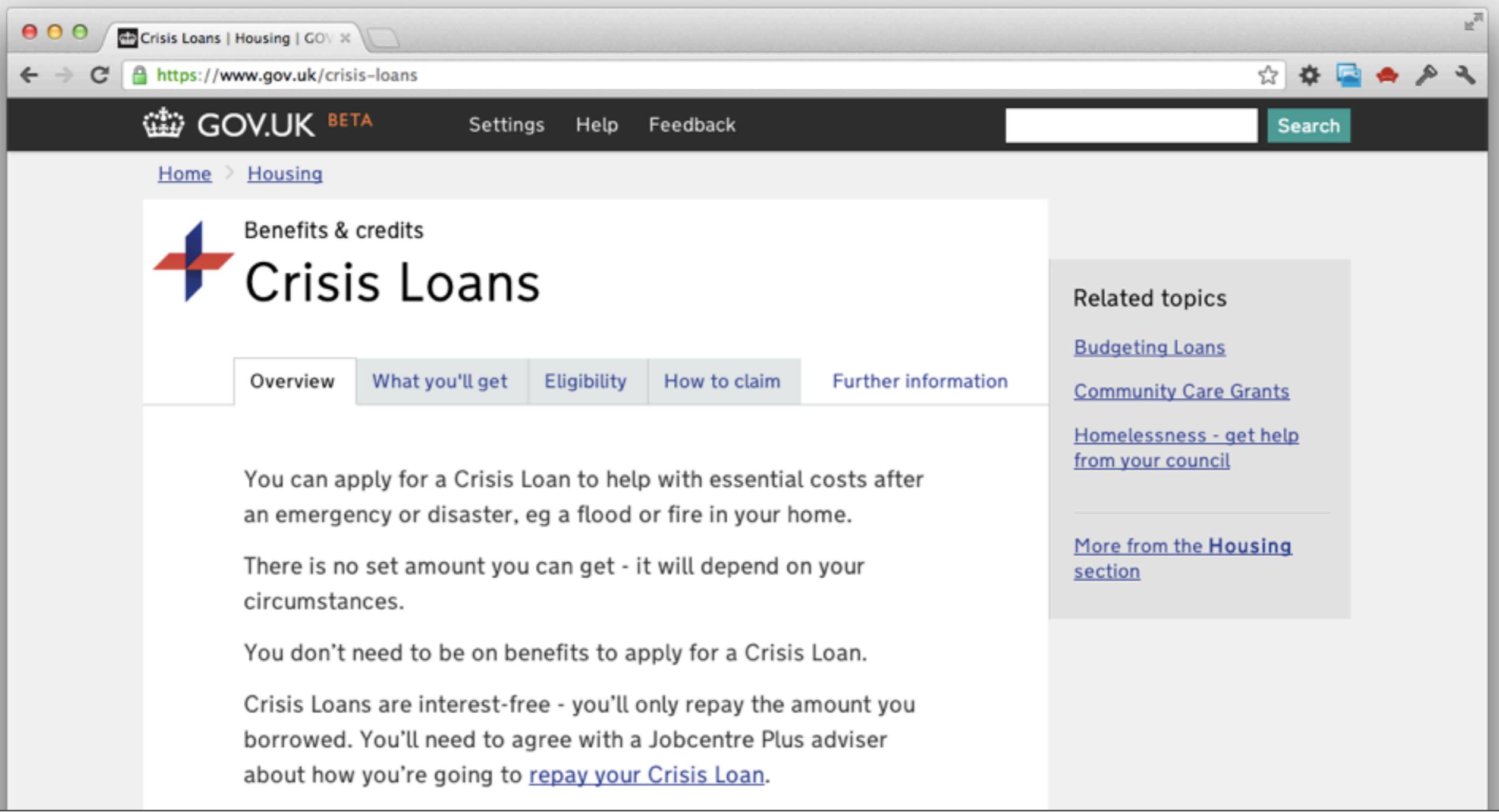
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# We're optimising for the common case but not ignoring the edge



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the GOV.UK Crisis Loans page. The page is titled 'Crisis Loans | Housing | GOV.UK' and is marked as 'BETA'. The main content area features a large blue plus sign icon and the text 'Benefits & credits' followed by 'Crisis Loans'. Below this are five tabs: 'Overview' (selected), 'What you'll get', 'Eligibility', 'How to claim', and 'Further information'. The 'Overview' tab contains text about applying for a Crisis Loan after an emergency or disaster, mentioning that there is no set amount and that you don't need to be on benefits. It also states that Crisis Loans are interest-free and must be repaid. A sidebar on the right is titled 'Related topics' and lists links to 'Budgeting Loans', 'Community Care Grants', and 'Homelessness - get help from your council'. At the bottom left, there is a link to 'More from the Housing section'.

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You can apply for a Crisis Loan to help with essential costs after an emergency or disaster, eg a flood or fire in your home.

There is no set amount you can get - it will depend on your circumstances.

You don't need to be on benefits to apply for a Crisis Loan.

Crisis Loans are interest-free - you'll only repay the amount you borrowed. You'll need to agree with a Jobcentre Plus adviser about how you're going to [repay your Crisis Loan](#).

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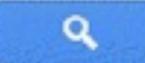
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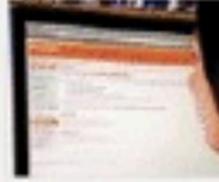
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- ▶ Education and learning
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Environment and greener living
- ▶ Government, citizens and rights
- ▶ Health and well-being
- ▶ Home and community
- ▶ Money, tax and benefits
- ▶ Motoring
- ▶ Pensions and retirement planning
- ▶ Travel and transport

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- ▶ Britons living abroad
- ▶ Caring for someone
- ▶ Disabled people
- ▶ Parents

**Do it online**

## Book your official DSA driving theory test online

The quickest and easiest way to book your official Driving Standards Agency (DSA) car, motorcycle, lorry or bus driving theory test is online. When you book using this official service, you only pay the cost of the test – there's no extra booking fee.

**What you will need**

To book your driving theory test online you need:

- your valid Great Britain or Northern Ireland provisional driving licence number
- your credit or debit card details

**Start booking**

**Protecting your data**

You can read the Data Protection Act 1998 - Fair Processing Notice for DSA before you start your booking.

▶ [Data Protection Act 1998 - Fair Processing Notice](#)

**How to pay for your test**

DSA can only accept the following cards:

- Delta
- MasterCard
- Visa
- American Express

**The cost**

When you book your test on Directgov, you only pay the cost of your theory test - there's no extra booking fee

**Need to change your test?**



If you need to check, change or cancel your theory test, do it online

- ▶ Check, change or cancel your DSA driving theory test online

**Do it online**

- ▶ Take an official practice theory driving test
- ▶ Apply for your tax disc online
- ▶ Book a driver trainer theory test online
- ▶ Check your vehicle's MOT status and history online
- ▶ Tell DVLA your vehicle is off road (SORN)

**Online benefits advice**

# We're acknowledging that people start with search

Directgov

Service provided by



## Driving Standards Agency book your theory test

To complete this booking you will need the candidate's driving licence, your credit or debit card and a suitable email address for the receipt of a confirmation.

### Your test

#### Select category

Please select one...

Choose the language you want to read your theory test in.

- English
- Welsh

#### Do you need any special arrangements?

For example, listening to the test questions through headphones in your own language, or seeing the questions and answers in British Sign Language?

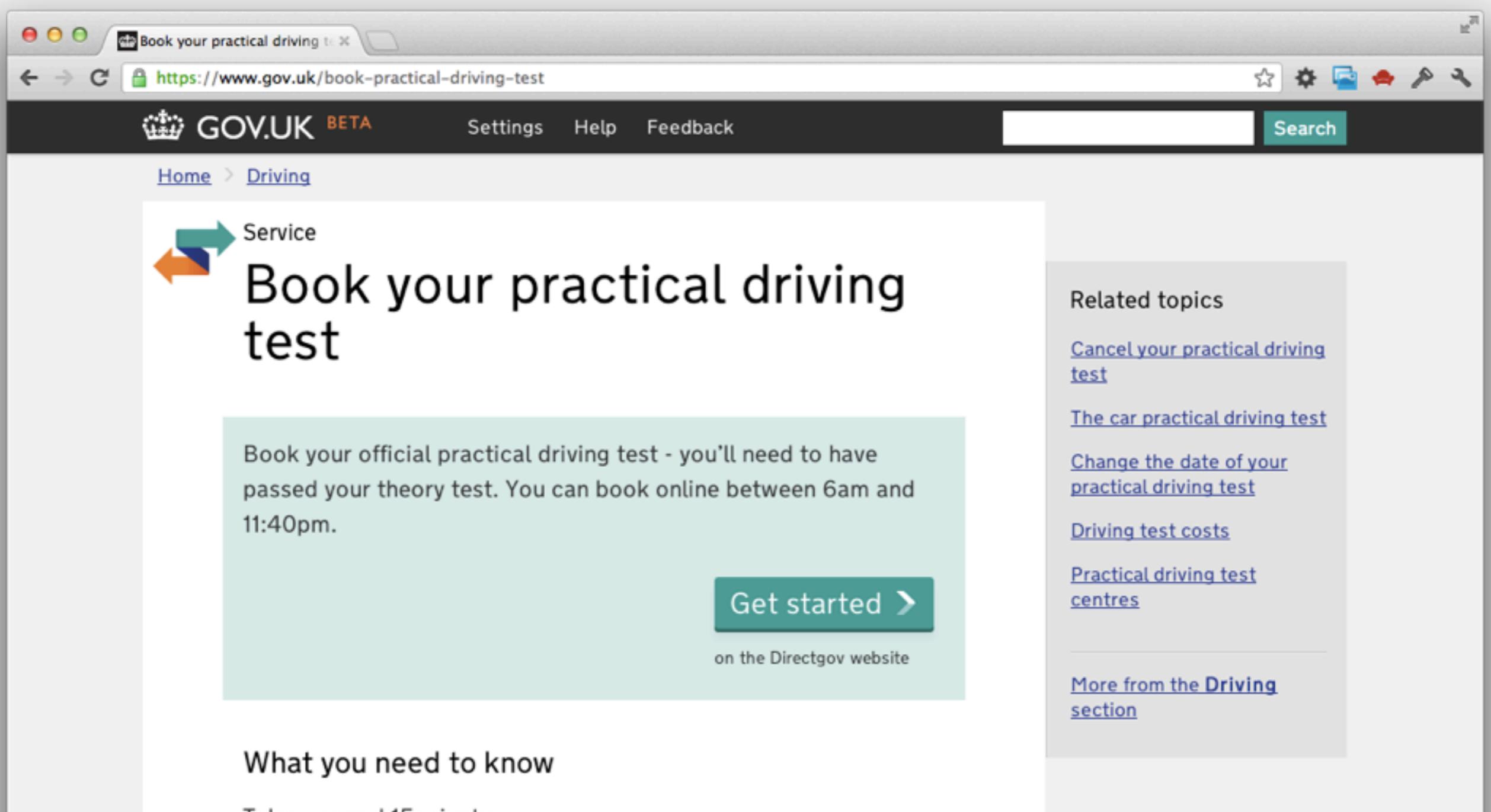
- No
- Yes

- Start
- Your test
- Preferences
- Test date
- Candidate details
- Summary
- Payment
- Confirmation

#### Help with this service

If you experience problems when using this service, please contact DSA customer service team

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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the GOV.UK website for booking a practical driving test. The page title is "Book your practical driving test". The URL in the address bar is <https://www.gov.uk/book-practical-driving-test>. The page features a "Service" icon with arrows pointing left and right. The main heading is "Book your practical driving test". Below it, a green box contains the text: "Book your official practical driving test - you'll need to have passed your theory test. You can book online between 6am and 11:40pm." A "Get started" button with a right-pointing arrow is located in this box. Below the button, the text "on the Directgov website" is visible. To the right, there is a sidebar titled "Related topics" with links to other driving test pages. At the bottom, a link leads to "What you need to know".

Book your practical driving test

Service

Home > Driving

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Settings Help Feedback

Search

Related topics

[Cancel your practical driving test](#)

[The car practical driving test](#)

[Change the date of your practical driving test](#)

[Driving test costs](#)

[Practical driving test centres](#)

What you need to know

134 are journeys from  
GOV.UK to local  
government

**434 local authorities**

**434 websites**

No need to understand  
structure of  
government

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Housing Benefit information

https://www.gov.uk/apply-housing-benefit-from-council

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Home > Housing

Service

# Housing Benefit information from your council

You can apply for Housing Benefit through your local council to help pay your rent.

Enter a UK postcode e.g. SW1A 2AA Find

or [locate me automatically](#) Sets a cookie

## What you need to know

- Available in England only

You can apply in different ways - read the information on [Housing Benefit](#) to find out more.

Last updated: 21 June 2012

Related topics

[Housing Benefit](#)

[Appeal a Housing Benefit decision](#)

More from the [Housing](#) section

[Home](#) > [Driving](#)

Service

# Get a parking permit

Your council has information on parking permit schemes in your area.



Your location is set to **Lambeth, London**.  
[Change your location](#)

[Get started >](#)

on the London Borough of Lambeth website

## Related topics

[Parking tickets](#)[Rent a council garage](#)[Appeal a parking fine](#)[More from the Driving section](#)

## What you need to know

- Available in England only

Last updated: 02 July 2012

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[Home](#) > [Housing](#)

Service

# Search the register of planning decisions

Plans for all new developments that need planning permission are made public by the council. This could be an extension to your neighbour's property or a new school in your area. Check out how you can view proposed building plans and object or comment on them.



Your location is set to **Lambeth, London**.  
[Change your location](#)

[Get started >](#)

on the London Borough of Lambeth website

## What you need to know

- Available in England only

### Related topics

[Planning permission](#)[Find local consultations](#)[More from the \*\*Housing\*\* section](#)

Pay your Council Tax | Housing

<https://www.gov.uk/pay-council-tax>

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Settings Help Feedback

Search

Home > Housing

Service

# Pay your Council Tax

Pay Council Tax online or by other methods such as direct debit.

Your location is set to Lambeth, London.  
[Change your location](#)

Get started >

on the London Borough of Lambeth website

Related topics

[Council Tax Benefit](#)

[Council Tax](#)

[Council Tax bands](#)

[More from the Housing section](#)

## What you need to know

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We need your help to  
make those journeys  
as short and simple to  
use as possible.

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People will be automatically redirected from Directgov, Business Link and corporate sites. They won't need to do anything different to find GOV.UK

Link to GOV.UK mappings

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Select your location: Go Site map | Help | About us | Accessibility

Information. Support. Compliance.

My Business What's new? Do it online Directories

Home > Finance and grants

**Finance and grants**

- Raising finance
  - Finance options
  - Prepare to raise finance
- Managing finance
  - Financial planning and accounts
  - Manage your cashflow
  - Improve your cashflow and business performance
  - Managing a business when economic conditions are tough
  - Managing suppliers and payments
  - Debt recovery
  - Business banking
  - Insurance
  - Expert financial advice
- Financial difficulty
  - Introduction to insolvency
  - Insolvency information for limited companies
  - Insolvency information for partnerships
  - Insolvency information for sole traders and individuals
  - Complain against an insolvency practitioner or The Insolvency Service
  - How to complain against a company or limited liability partnership
  - Recover assets

[Finance and grants - site map](#)

GOV.UK BETA Help

https://www.gov.uk/browse/business#/starting-up

Home > Business

# Business

Information about starting up and running a business in the UK, including help if you're self employed or a sole trader.

## Business

- Business rates
- Employing people
- Food safety
- Health and safety
- Intellectual property
- International trade
- Licences
- Other

## Most popular

- [Licence Finder](#)  
Find out which licences you might need for your activity or business.
- [Employing staff for the first time](#)  
The main things you need to consider when hiring an employee for the first time or if you've never hired an employee before
- [Business rates calculator](#)  
Use this calculator to estimate your business rates bill.
- [Register a trademark](#)  
Register a brand as a trademark to protect your intellectual property.

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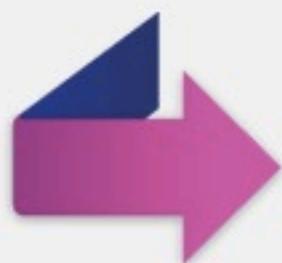
**Migratorator**

Not every government transaction and website will change overnight. Their branding won't change.

Directgov and Business Link brands won't disappear.

# Simpler, clearer, faster.

Welcome to GOV.UK, the best way to get to government services and information



Get started! Try searching for [business rates](#)

Search 

## Business

Advice on [running a limited company](#), how to [register a trademark](#), information about [business rates](#) and [more ...](#)

## Crime and justice

How to [report a crime or anti-social behaviour](#), information on [jury service](#), and [more ...](#)

## Driving

[Get a tax disc](#), [Book a driving theory test](#), [MOT your vehicle](#) and [more ...](#)

## Education

Information about [student finance 2012-13](#), [school term](#) and [holiday](#)

# How we work



# Small multi-disciplinary teams

Products are  
better than  
projects



# Start with user needs

# PIVOTAL TRACKER

Tracker has some new updates - read more

CURRENT

## BACKLOG

ICEBOX

EPICS

## CURRENT

Pts: 6 of 44 %

- 42 | 26 Sep - Current
  - ▶ ★ Add "This replaces Businesslink" message on detailed guides (JGA)
  - ▶ ★ Don't show 'Publication' in the publications filter (JGA)
  - ▶ 🍎 Breadcrumb on detailed guides not sticky (Brad)
  - ▶ 🍎 500s on /specialist guides (Brad)
  - ▶ ★ Validate that detailed guides are assigned to at least one mainstream category (JEM)
  - ▶ ★ Better layout when only 1 secondary featured item exists (RT)
  - ▶ 🌐 Input on IA, search & browse design brief (SM)
  - ▶ 🌐 Update brand colours for orgs (Edd)
  - ▶ ★ No 10 designs (SM)

BACKLOG

43 | 3 Oct

- ▶ ★ Make URL paths of detailed guidance browse pages match the breadcrumb path
  - ▶ ★ Build unified search page for Mainstream and Detailed Guidance
  - ▶ ⏷ Feature freeze for detailed guidance Oct 2
  - ▶ ★ Link from topics to detailed guidance categories
  - ▶ ★ Design org about pages
  - ▶ ★ Design list of departments & orgs
  - ▶ ★ Text-only names for orgs exempted from
  - ▶ ★ Des
  - ▶ ★ Design
  - ▶ ★ Different heraldic symbols for certain

Agile

# Agile

Release early.  
Get feedback.  
Iterate

github

Search or Type a Command ?

Explore Gist Blog Help

All Sources Forks Mirrors

Repositories Members

Find a Repository...

smart-answers Last updated just now

frontend Front-end (and preview) site for single domain  
Last updated 2 minutes ago

govuk\_content\_models Shared content models for Panopticon and Publisher, as an Engine.  
Last updated 3 minutes ago

business-support-finder Last updated 11 minutes ago

Forms to raise Zendesk tickets  
Last updated 23 minutes ago

GOV.UK alphagov

Aviation House, 125 Kingsway,  
Holborn, London

<http://www.gov.uk>

Joined on Feb 02, 2011

82 public repos 55 members

# Developing in the open

Content is written,  
fact-checked,  
checked by second  
pair of eyes,  
published.

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# What you can reuse:

- Formats UI
- Design / content rules
- Learnings from GDS blog
- Useful links:

<http://tinyurl.com/ruday123>



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