DVSA to restart tests for new drivers on 22 July

The Scottish Government yesterday has announced that Theory Tests, Motorcycle tests and training will resume in Scotland from Wednesday 22 July 2020.

Theory tests will take place with physical distancing measures in place.

Motorcycle training will also resume on 22 July.

Motorcycle and tractor testing will resume on Monday 3 August 2020.

Driving lessons and tests remain suspended in Scotland and The Scottish Government will make an announcement on driving lessons on 30 July. Once it is clear when lessons are resuming there will be an announcement of when tests will start.

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has continued to test critical workers during the lockdown and driving lessons have continued for these workers.

DVSA Chief Executive Gareth Llewellyn said: "It has been vital that training and tests only resume when safe to do so and in line with the government's advice.

"We know this has been a tough time for the whole country including learners and driving instructors but I am pleased to announce the restart of rider training and tests in Scotland.

"Tests for critical workers have continued during the lockdown and I would like to thank all those instructors and examiners who have continued to work to help deliver tests for those who have done so much to help us during this terrible pandemic."

Activity	Scotland
Motorcycle training — including compulsory basic training (CBT)	22 July 2020
Theory tests	22 July 2020
Motorcycle tests	3 August 2020
Tractor tests	3 August 2020

The phased restart to testing:

New candidates will be able to book driving tests once DVSA has carried out the tests reserved for critical workers and everyone with a suspended test has had the opportunity to choose a new time and date. DVSA will announce when the system opens to book tests in due course.

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DVSA is contacting anyone who has a scheduled test to let them know what will happen next. DVSA will then email them at a later date to invite them to book a test at a time and location that is convenient for them. Learners should talk to their instructors and arrange refresher lessons so they can practice the skills they need to prepare for their test.

DVSA has published guidance on <u>GOV.UK</u> for instructors and candidates to let them know what to expect on the day of their theory test and practical test.

DVSA has shared their guidance for driving examiners with the driver and rider training associations and they have update their good practice guidance for instructors.