Driving tests will begin again on Monday

The Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has confirmed that driving tests in Scotland will resume from Monday.

Scottish learner drivers are urged to check knowledge and skills before taking a test. DVSA recommends that learners speak to their driving instructors to ensure that they are well prepared.

The DVSA has invited all Scottish candidates whose tests were put on hold as a result of the pandemic to re-book a driving test.

Following the suspension of the driving test and lessons in March, driving lessons resumed on Monday 24 August in Scotland to give learners the chance to practise before the driving test restarts.

DVSA Chief Driving Examiner Mark Winn said:

"I know many learners are keen to take their driving test but it is vital they have the right skills and knowledge to help them through a lifetime of safe driving before attempting it.

"Anyone who is rebooking or taking a test should make sure they've had enough practice with a professional driving instructor and are ready."

"Learners should practise driving on a variety of roads and in different driving conditions so they are well prepared for

driving independently."

Safety measures have been put in place to protect learners and examiners from COVID-19 and DVSA has <u>published information on gov.uk</u> so candidates know what to expect.

A spokesperson for the DVSA said: "A number of Scottish driving test centres remain closed as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. DVSA understands that this is frustrating and is looking to open these as soon as possible in a Covid-secure way. Learners who are properly prepared to take a driving test should be able to take and pass a test at any driving test centre so should look for alternative test sites if their local centre is closed. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause."

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- theory tests
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