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What we sent:

- Release – Record number of enquiries and bookings, 1st week of July
- Comment – Driving tests due to resume
- Insight – The ‘new normal’ for driving lessons
- Exclusive – BBC comment on expired theory tests
- Exclusive – Admiral Magazine Q&A
- Repush – Tips for driving safely in a heatwave

Results:

323 pieces of coverage

Total combined reach of 391,306,974 worldwide

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New rules for driving tests include cancellations for forgetting to bring a face mask and on-the-spot fails for serious errors as four-month suspension lifts

- Driving tests have resumed in England having been suspended on 30 March
- New coronavirus rules have been imposed with social distancing measures
- Learners will have tests cancelled if they have no face masks and an instructor can not short-circuit a fail occurring in becoming a safety issue for drivers
- Serious faults will result in instant fails and tests being terminated at that point
- Only critical workers have been allowed to take their driving exams during the pandemic so they can commute safely
- Learners with practical tests on hold will get to sit their driving exams first
- Tests in Wales restart on 17 August and there is no confirmed date in Scotland

Local news will be allowed to take their driving tests again from Monday 22 July when the four-month suspension imposed during the coronavirus lockdown was lifted.

Safe measures have been put in place to protect learners and instructors from Covid-19, with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) publishing a raft of new guidelines for candidates.

This includes the introduction of an exam if a learner arrives without a face mask, and the immediate termination and failure of tests if a serious or dangerous fault is performed by the driver.



From: [rules for driving tests](#) The DVSA has introduced a raft of new measures for practice exams to ensure the safety of learners and ensure tests are secure contact

Driving lessons and tests restart in England - here's what to expect in the car and at test centres

By Matt Allen
Thursday, 2nd July 2020, 6:00 pm
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The Northern Echo

News on 22nd July

Driving tests and lessons return: What you can and can't do

By Newsquest Digital Content Team



Driving lessons and tests return across England: what you can and can't do. Picture: No. 10/Newsquest

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- Wednesday, July 22: Practical tests restarted in England

As in other walks of life, new measures and precautions are being taken so here is what learners can expect as they get back behind the wheel.

What driving lessons will look like

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conducted post-lockdown.

• In-car hygiene

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The New Normal: what driving lessons in England will look like from Saturday 4th July

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£1000 charged up to £2,300 to sit driving tests for learners

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In the correspondence, he will set out plans to restart driver testing and to help them to return to life that is as close to normal as possible, as quickly and as fairly as possible, in a way that avoids a second peak of infections.

The team at Bill Plant Driving School have revealed changes students can expect to see during lessons.

Peter Brabin, head of instructor support at Bill Plant Driving School, said: "We are confident that all of our driving instructors will be taking all the necessary steps to protect themselves and their pupils within the course of each driving lesson, regardless of duration.

"We will continue to adhere to guidelines outlined by both the Government and the DVSA and look forward to seeing our team return to work, helping Britons learn to drive, pass their tests and safely drive for the rest of their lives."

Thorough cleaning

Before and after each lesson, all tuition vehicles will be thoroughly cleaned with antibacterial cleaning products.

Key areas to be focused on include, but are not limited to: door handles, seat belts, the steering wheel, gear stick and handbrake switch.

PPE

The national driving school are also recommending all driving instructors wear the relevant personal protective masks and gloves throughout each lesson, and pupils are also asked to wear a mask too.

No air con

Air conditioning will not be used throughout lessons, but the driving instructor will at all times ensure the car is well ventilated.

More communication

All pupils will be contacted ahead of their driving lesson to ensure they are feeling well and are symptom free.

No handshake

No handshake will take place as a form of greeting, and social distancing will be maintained outside the vehicle.

No face-to-face contact

Within the vehicle, the driving instructor and pupil will converse while facing forwards, avoiding any face-to-face contact, and the pupil is encouraged to use their pupil handbook during the lesson but it can no longer be passed between the two, nor will any other materials or pens be shared.

Electronic payments

In terms of payment, pupils are requested to make electronic payments, where possible.