

# Review of the Practical Test

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Why are we researching changes to the driving test?



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## The Research Test – changes being trialled include:

- Use of Sat Navs as part of Independent Driving (ID) and increasing the ID section to about 20 minutes duration
- Forward parking into a bay and stopping on the right hand side of the road before reversing in a straight line for a couple of car lengths (legislative requirement)
- Asking the pupil a show me safety question whilst on the move
- The reverse around a corner and the turn in the road (TIR) exercise are no longer a part of the new test. These two manoeuvres are deemed by new drivers as not what they will be doing post test, certainly not to the degree required on a driving test.



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## Progress to date:

- The Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) are our research contractor and they will continue to enlist the help of ADIs and their pupils who are keen to be involved in the research.
- 26 driving test centres are currently in the programme, chosen from a mix of rural and urban locations, and a further 6 are to be added shortly, these will supplement the existing group
- The test is a licence acquisition test and meets all current regulations i.e. candidates who pass their driving test will receive a full licence, no additional burden



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## Research Test Requirements:

- Approximately 3,000 candidates will be required
- TRL are allocating pupils the type of test they will take, sat nav or control
- Independent driving has increased to 20 minutes with directions from a sat nav, this can now include normal stops, angle start and manoeuvres
- 1 safety question being asked on the move
- Driving into a parking bay at any suitable location with a car park with marked bays, then reversing out to continue with the drive
- Stopping on the right hand side of the road before reversing for a couple of car lengths (legislative requirement)
- TIR and left reverse dropped



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## Progress to Date

- ADIs are continuing to recruit pupils who are willing to take part in the research
- As of 17 August ADIs have made 1252 driving test bookings on behalf of their pupils, 622 in the trial group and 630 in the control group.



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## Any Questions?

