

### Driving Tests and Theory Tests – updated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### To be read in conjunction with FTTC Guidance General Advice – No.1

Further to our previous advice, the DfT have updated their position.

Theory tests have been suspended up to and including 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Driving Tests have been suspended for up to 3 months.

**HOWEVER, EMERGENCY TESTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CRITICAL WORKERS**  
this advice was updated on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and therefore if there are drivers who meet the  
criteria below as a critical worker then tests can still be arranged.

#### Who is a critical worker?

Basically, these those individuals whose work is critical to COVID 19 response or **their work is in the CRITICAL SECTOR** and these include as previously listed remain the group of industries and works and therefore **INCLUDES THE TRANSPORT INDUSTRY:**

#### BOOKING AN EMERGENCY THEORY TEST

Email [critical.worker.theory.test@dvs.gov.uk](mailto:critical.worker.theory.test@dvs.gov.uk) asking for an emergency theory test.

The driver must send:

1. Photograph or scanned image of a valid ID such as your work ID badge  
**If the driver does not have an ID Badge then send:**
  - a. An email from a work email address,
  - b. Evidence from the employer, i.e. a scanned document including Company letterhead,
  - c. A scan of the driver's payslip,The above is not exhaustive so other evidence will be reviewed on a case by case basis
2. Telephone number **and preferred contact time**
3. Preferred test location (**for theory tests this is only Birmingham, London, Glasgow and Ballymena**)
4. Type of test the driver wishes to take (lorry, bus, coach, car, car and trailer, motorcycle)
5. Driving Licence number

**If you meet the critical worker criteria the DVSA will contact you and explain what happens next**

### BOOKING AN EMERGENCY DRIVING TEST

Email [critical.worker.driving.test@dvs.gov.uk](mailto:critical.worker.driving.test@dvs.gov.uk) to ask for an emergency driving test. **This email address has changed from the previous advice.**

The driver must send:

1. Photograph or scanned image of a valid ID such as your work ID badge  
***If the driver does not have an ID Badge then send:***
  - a. An email from a work email address,*
  - b. Evidence from the employer, i.e. a scanned document including Company letterhead,*
  - c. A scan of the driver's payslip,*The above is not exhaustive so other evidence will be reviewed on a case by case basis
2. Telephone number
3. Preferred test location
  
4. Type of test the driver wishes to take (lorry, bus, coach, car, car and trailer, motorcycle)
5. Driving Licence number
6. Driving test reference number (if one is available)
7. The theory test certificate number

***If the criteria of critical worker is met then the DVSA will contact directly with a test date.***

**THE DVSA ARE ADVISING THAT THIS MAY TAKE A WHILE AND THEREFORE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT SEND A FURTHER REQUEST**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE CALL FOSTER TACHOGRAPHS & TRANSPORT COMPLIANCE ON 01772-655155 OR EMAIL [admin@fostertachographs.co.uk](mailto:admin@fostertachographs.co.uk)**