

2020 - 2021 ANNUAL TESTER CURRICULUM TRAINING

Following on from 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, the proposals for this year's annual training is to include the following:

Classes 1 & 2 (Group A)

1. The requirements for issuing various documents.
2. The disciplinary points system.
3. Which vehicle categories fall under Group A.
4. The MOT inspection manual for motorcycles and sidecars.

Classes 4 & 7 (Group B)

1. The requirements for issuing various documents.
2. The disciplinary points system.
3. Which vehicle categories fall under Group B.
4. The MOT inspection manual for cars and passenger vehicles.

Groups A and B

MOT testers who test vehicle in both Group A and Group B need to study all the topics. They will need to train for at least 6 hours a year (instead of 3) and take 2 annual assessments.

Questions on issuing documents for all vehicle classes

MOT testers will be asked questions about:

- Issuing a replacement MOT certificate (VT20);
- Issuing a duplicate MOT certificate (VT20);
- Contingency testing procedures when the MOT Testing Service is not working;
- Reasons to refuse to test;
- Reasons to cancel a test once it has begun;
- What to do when vehicle details have been entered incorrectly;

- What to do if a vehicle has been issued with a prohibition notice;
- What to do if a vehicle has been issued with a notice under the Police Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS).

Questions on the disciplinary points system

MOT testers will be asked questions about:

- Why disciplinary points are applied;
- What happens if they are issued with disciplinary points;
- How to return to testing after they've been made to stop for a short or long period of time;
- What points would be issued if incorrect standards were applied, items were not tested or the correct procedures were not followed.

Questions on the definition of vehicle classes

MOT Testers will have to answer questions about the definition of vehicle classes during the assessment.

These are some examples of the subjects they might be asked about for Group A:

- Motorbike and sidecar class 1, 2 or 3;
- 3 wheeled machines;
- Sidecars;
- Engine size.

These are some examples of the subjects they might be asked about for Group B:

- Which vehicle categories fall under Group B;
- The difference between an M1 and an N1 vehicle;
- Dual-purpose vehicles;
- Seating capacity, inclusion of wheelchairs.

Questions on the MOT inspection manuals

These are some examples of the subjects MOT testers might be asked about for Group A:

- Controls;
- Twin headlamps;
- Exhaust markings;
- Imported motorcycles;
- Raising and jacking motorcycles including stands and side stands;
- Position of reflectors and size etc;
- Number plate size and format;
- Calculating the brake performance for a machine with linked brakes;

- Resting procedures;
- Weights to be used for the brake test calculation;
- Wheel alignment checks (requirements may change);
- Frame condition, standard of repairs and what is acceptable;
- Headlamp aim and European beam pattern tolerances;
- Tyres: tread depth requirements, where is it measured, what is measured, stepped tread;
- Motocross tyres.

These are some examples of the subjects MOT testers might be asked about for Group B:

- Retest procedures;
- Brake test procedures;
- Examination of vehicle fitted with an electrical mechanical parking brake;
- Brake calculation;
- Steering and suspension checks - what checks are to be done using turning plates;
- Steering and suspension checks - what checks are to be done on hard standing;
- Diesel smoke testing correct standards;
- Heat shield missing;
- Testing a tow-bar 13-pin electrical socket;
- Headlamp aim and European beam pattern tolerances;
- Drivers' view;
- Tyres: tread depth requirements, where is it measured, what is measured, stepped tread.