

# Coronavirus: driving tests

Check when driving tests and motorcycle tests restart in England, Scotland and Wales, and find out what changes to expect when you take your test.

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**Wales, England, and Scotland (see guidance for [Northern Ireland](#))**

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## Stay up to date

This page tells you about driving tests during the coronavirus outbreak.

It will be updated if anything changes.

[Sign up for email alerts if this page changes.](#)

Car driving tests have restarted in England. They will restart in Wales on Monday 17 August 2020.

Car driving tests are still suspended in Scotland, but motorcycle and tractor tests will restart there on 3 August 2020.

All driving tests are still suspended in [areas under local lockdown in England.](#)

When driving tests restart, they will only be for people who had their driving test cancelled because of coronavirus to begin with.

There's separate guidance about [theory tests.](#)

# When driving tests will restart

Test type	England	Scotland	Wales
Car	22 July	TBC	17 August
Motorcycle module 1 and 2	13 July	3 August	3 August
Lorry, bus and coach	13 July	TBC	3 August
Car and trailer	13 July	TBC	3 August
Tractor and specialist vehicle	6 July	3 August*	3 August
Approved driving instructor (ADI) part 2 test (driving ability)	22 July	TBC	17 August
ADI part 3 test (instructional ability)	22 July	TBC	17 August
ADI standards check	22 July	TBC	17 August

\*In Scotland, tractor tests will restart on 3 August - other specialist vehicle tests are still suspended.

## Arrange your driving test appointment

If your car driving test was cancelled due to coronavirus, you were sent an email with a new date and time for your test.

**The new date you were given will not go ahead. This includes if the new date you were given was after the date tests restart where you live. Do not go for your test on that date.**

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) will email you again to ask you to go online and choose your preferred date and time for your test.

### **When the emails will be sent**

If you live in England, these emails will start to be sent:

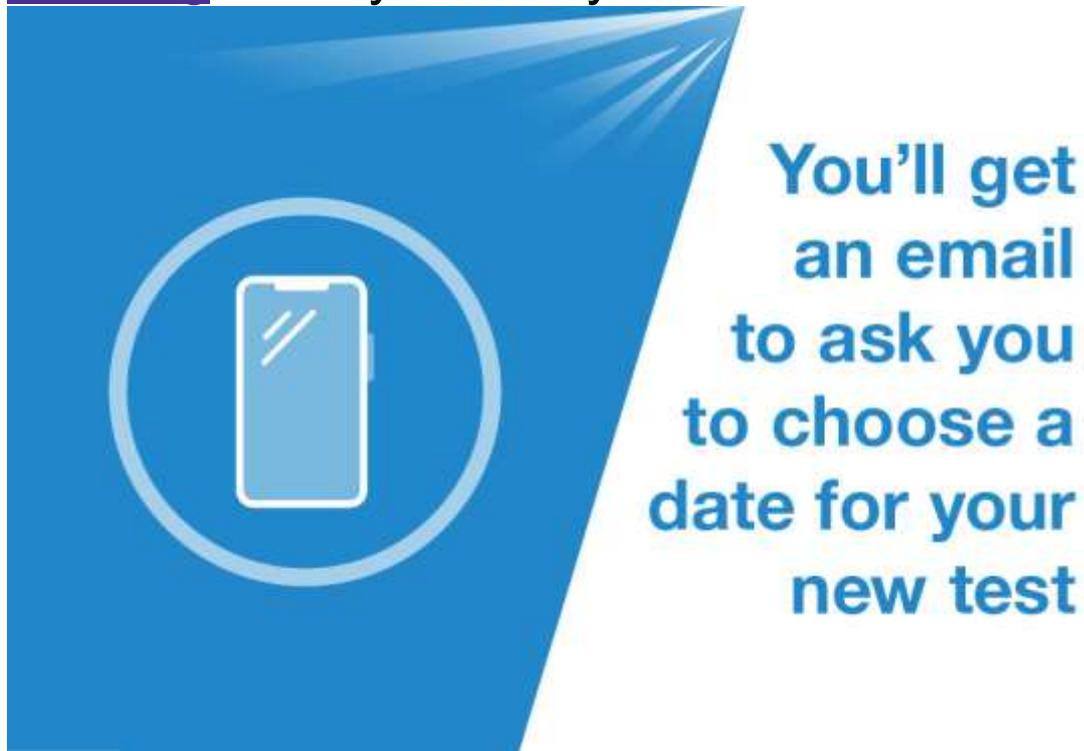
- from 16 July 2020
- in batches, in order of when tests should have originally taken place

It might take several weeks for you to get your email, depending on when your test was originally scheduled.

This page will be updated when a date is confirmed for sending emails to people who live in Scotland and Wales.

**Declare if you cannot wear a face covering**

When you arrange your test, you'll need to say if there's a [good reason you cannot wear a face covering](#) when you take your test.



## **Booking a new driving test**

You cannot currently book a new driving test if you did not have one booked before lockdown.

Driving tests will be carried out for people who had their test cancelled because of coronavirus as a priority.

Check back or [sign up for email alerts](#) to find out when you can book a new driving test.

# **When you come for your driving test**

You must make sure the inside of the vehicle is cleaned before the test. The examiner will also use an antiviral wipe to clean the passenger door and anything they'll need to touch inside the vehicle.

Do not arrive for your driving test more than 5 minutes before your appointment time.

The driving test centre waiting room will be closed to help prevent the spread of coronavirus, but the toilets will be available on request.



## **Keeping you safe when you take your test**

DVSA has introduced social distancing measures and safety precautions.

These include:

- driving examiners wearing face coverings - they might also choose to wear gloves and use disposable seat covers
- limiting the number of people arriving for a driving test at the same time
- not allowing your driving instructor or supervising driver to sit in the back during your test

## **Wearing a face covering**

You must bring and wear a face covering when you come for your test, unless you have a good reason not to. This includes if:

- you have a physical or mental illness or impairment, or a disability that means you cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering
- putting on, wearing or removing a face covering would cause you severe distress
- you need to remove it during your test to avoid harm or injury or the risk of harm or injury to yourself or others

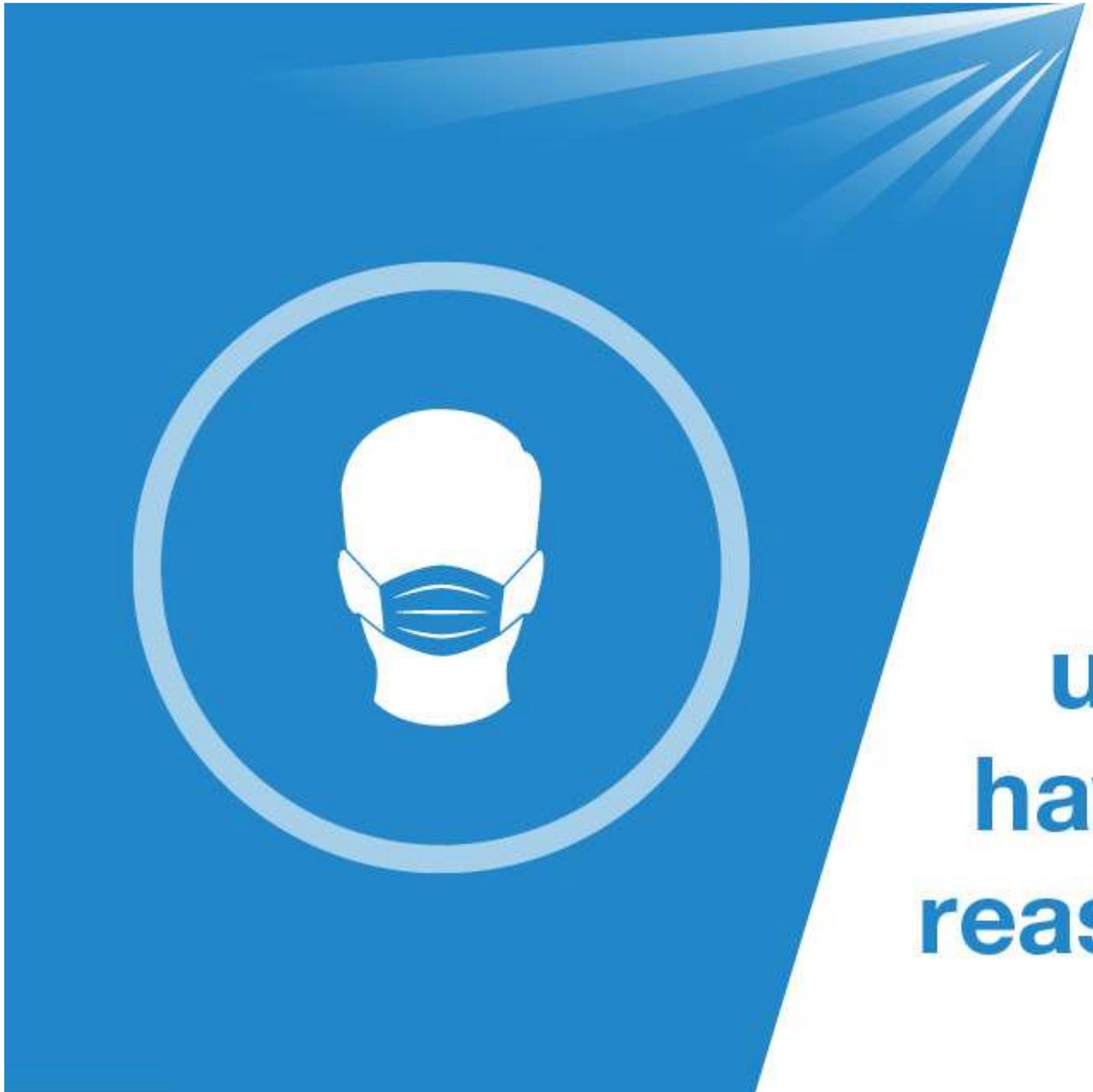
## **When you arrange your test**

You need to say if you have a good reason not to wear a face covering when you arrange your test.

**Your test will be cancelled if you come for your test without a face covering and you did not declare you could not wear one when you arranged your test.**

You will need to remove your face covering briefly so your driving examiner can check your ID.

Find out [how to wear and make a cloth face covering](#).



## **During your driving test**

If you have a problem with your face covering during the test, your driving examiner will ask you to stop so you can adjust it. Your driving examiner will end the test early if it becomes a safety issue.

## **If you make a mistake**

You can carry on if you make a mistake during your driving test.

If you make a serious or dangerous fault, which means you've failed, your driving examiner will direct you back to the driving test centre, where the test will end. This is to minimise the amount of time you need to spend in the vehicle.

[Find out more about how the car driving test works.](#)

## **At the end of your test**

Your driving examiner will:

- ask you to get out of your vehicle before they give you your test result feedback
- ask if you want your instructor to come over to listen to the feedback if it's safe to do so

This is to minimise the amount of time you need to spend in the vehicle.

# When you must not come for your test

You must not come for your driving test if:

- [you or someone you live with has coronavirus symptoms](#)
- you've been told by the NHS Test and Trace service that you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus
- you have [returned to the UK in the last 14 days](#), unless you travelled from certain [countries or territories](#) (there's a [different list of countries if you live in Scotland](#)), or are in other very [limited situations](#)

You have to stay at home (self-isolate).

Change your driving test appointment if you need to self-isolate on the day of your driving test.

You can do this free of charge if you're self-isolating, including if you do it at short notice (within 3 clear working days of the test).



## **If you're clinically extremely vulnerable from coronavirus**

If you're [clinically extremely vulnerable](#), you should have received a letter telling you that you're in this group or have been told by your GP.

DVSA recommends that you take your test after shielding has been paused. This is from:

- 1 August 2020 in England
- 1 August 2020 at the earliest in Scotland
- 16 August in Wales

## **If your theory test certificate expires**

You need to have passed a theory test in the last 2 years to be able to take most types of driving tests.

### **Your theory test certificate will not be extended.**

This is because your road safety knowledge and hazard perception skills need to be up to date when you restart driving lessons and take your driving test.

### **If you booked a driving test before lockdown**

1. DVSA will automatically cancel your driving test booking and give you a full refund.
2. [Book and pay to take another theory test.](#)
3. When you've passed your theory test, [book and pay to take a driving test.](#)

You can book a new theory test up to 6 months before your current theory test certificate expires, or at any time after it's expired.

### **If you did not have a driving test booked**

1. [Book and pay to take another theory test.](#)
2. When you've passed your theory test, [book and pay to take a driving test.](#)

## **Apply for an emergency driving test if you're a critical worker**

You can apply for an emergency test if you urgently need a test because you're [classed as a critical worker](#). This includes if you work in:

- health and social care
- education and childcare
- key public services
- local and national government
- food and other necessary goods
- public safety and national security
- transport
- utilities, communication and financial services

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