



Recently I have been giving a presentation to some local driving instructor associations about the changes that have been happening in our industry since the introduction of the new road safety bill in 2006 and how further changes may affect us all in the future.

I have now turned this into an article which I have just published on my blog. Just click on this link to find out more: <http://instructorDoctors.blogspot.co.uk/>



## HIGHWAY CODE QUIZ

DSA have produced a short on-line highway code quiz that could be useful as a quick piece of homework for your learners between lessons. Just click on this link to see more: <http://t.co/LkdnkTKM>

## CHANGES TO THEORY TEST

As I am sure you are all aware by now, from 23 January 2012 the theory test will be made up of multiple-choice questions which are no longer published in learning materials.

No changes are being made to the format of the theory test. It will still be made up of a multiple-choice part and a hazard perception part. The time allowed and the pass marks will stay the same.

The aim is to help candidates to gain a better knowledge and understanding of driving theory which will help them respond correctly to the new, reworded live questions used in the actual test.

A new 2012 edition of DSA official theory test for car drivers DVD has been produced and is available from: <http://t.co/B2vz7AgJ>

## THEORY TEST PRACTICE

DSA has put up two free practice theory tests on-line. Just go to: <http://t.co/pWwVzS33>



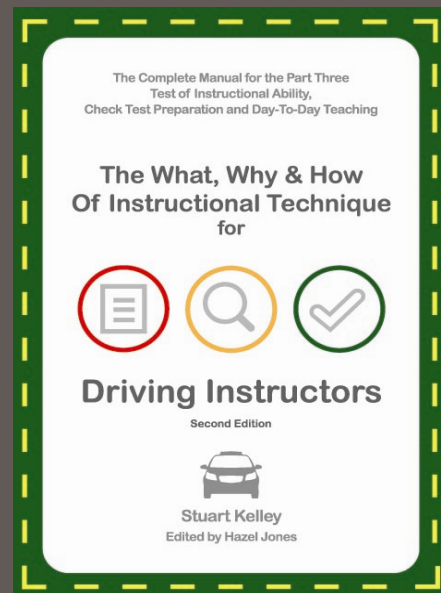
## EYESIGHT RESEARCH

New research commissioned by the motor insurers RSA and undertaken by Brunel University shows that when measured at the legal minimum level of eyesight, drivers struggled to maintain a constant speed, were 62% more likely to stray out of their lanes and could only recognize 75% of road signs: all factors that could contribute towards a serious road accident.

The research also showed that the current UK number plate test is a poor way to measure whether someone's vision meets the legal minimum standard, as it only tests one aspect of vision and other factors, such as visual field, are ignored.

In order to make our roads safer RSA is a calling for:

- the number plate test to be scrapped
- all learner drivers to have their eyesight checked by an optician prior to applying for a provisional licence
- eyesight tests to be mandatory every ten years, linked to driving licence renewal



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## ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING

The government has plans to bring in roadside drug testing within 2 years. Now Intelligent Fingerprinting, a spin off company of the University of East Anglia, has invented a roadside drug testing device that can detect cannabis, cocaine and heroin from the sweat of a driver's finger.

### Driving Instructor Jokes

Did you hear the one about the pupil who, at the start of his test was asked to check that his indicators were working. After switching them on he stood at the back of the car saying "yes, no, yes, no....."

Or the one about the traffic cop who stopped a young driver for speeding and asked to see his driving licence. "you people need to communicate better" said the young driver, "how can I show my licence to you when just yesterday another policeman stopped me for the same reason and took my licence away".

If you have any good driving instructor jokes you would like to share, email them to: [info@instructorDoctors.co.uk](mailto:info@instructorDoctors.co.uk)

### USEFUL LINKS

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- DSA
- Direct.gov
- Business link
- DVLA
- IAM

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