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## Practical driving test numbers fall sharply - RAC comment

Commenting on [official figures out today](#) that show the effect of the pandemic on the number of drivers who have been able to take practical driving tests, RAC spokesman Simon Williams said:

“The scale of the pandemic’s impact on novice drivers is clear to see. Even with looser restrictions over the summer, the number of practical driving tests was only half what it was in the same period last year. Given how important the ability to drive is in enabling people to work, there will

undoubtedly be enormous frustration among learners about having to delay the start of their driving careers. For that reason, it's incredibly important that testing capacity is increased as soon as it's safe to do so."

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The RAC, an iconic UK brand, provides complete peace of mind to nearly 14 million UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. As well as its premium nationwide breakdown assistance service – with an expert branded patrol workforce attending more than two million breakdowns every year – it offers a wide range of market-leading products across insurance, legal services, vehicle inspections and service, maintenance and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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