

YOU KEEP FAILING YOUR DRIVING TEST!

You Have Been Once, Twice, Three Times And Even More.

WHY?

Well, Firstly Don't Book Or Take Another Driving Test Until You Have Read This Article And Thought Very Seriously About The Contents.

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It's a fact of life that most of us in today's ultra modern world require a full driving licence for a motor vehicle of one form or another. And through the natural selection of choice when requiring comfort, economy and convenience, the selected mode of transport will most likely be a motorcar. However, this requisite comes at a two-fold price. (1) The initial costs to buy the vehicle and of course the on-road fees such as tax and insurance, etc. (2) A full driving licence so as to enjoy your purchase. And the former (the financial outlay) is for many seen as the hardest hurdle. However, with 414 test centres within the UK and all of them serving approximately 1.75 million learner-driver students each year, why is it that almost half - 800 thousand students (45.25% to be exact) all fail the exam? Fact. This in direct example to the purchase costs of your vehicle, can, financially speaking, be well in excess of the purchase investment of you car! Thus, for thousands of learner-drivers within the UK each year attaining the full driving licence is the highest cost of all. Fact.

We very recently enrolled a student to one of our learner-driver rectification courses and they had taken 12 driving tests elsewhere (London to be precise). The initial training had cost this student £1475.00. And when the money pot became dry then their tutor presented them for the exam. However, 18 months onwards this student had to continually pay for each additional test appointment, some extra tuition time between the exams when they could afford it and more lost time off work! In all, this was an extra £3048.00 over the one and half years term. Total = £4523.00 and this student still had not passed the test!! In analysis of their driving abilities on the course they enrolled to with us, this student required some very serious tuition as their learner-driving skills (to say the very least)

were very dangerous and they lacked positive capabilities. In all, they were nowhere near ready for a driving test as yet and we had a very difficult situation to deal with! So, what is going wrong? Because in our very own experience this kind of scenario has been happening to us time and time again over many, many years when we come to enrol new students on our learner-driver rectification courses. So, it's now time for the student to make an informed choice if they are currently experiencing a similar pattern occurring within their driver-training programme!

I personally formed Driving Test Doctors UK around 15 years ago after the previous 20 years of seeing this kind of occurrence repeating itself continually. However, I do not wish to bore you absolutely silly with similar tales of excessive expense and unnecessary test attempts but you need to know, in part, what is actually happening before you take a similar path as to the 800,000 or so other students who do so each year and go on to continually fail the exam. And you most likely visited our website because of our trading name and you require some help and assistance to get the full driving licence together within a truly professional approach. So, please read on. I intend to inform you of the facts and what you can do about it. Then, it's ultimately your choice!

Let's set the statistics aside and look at the essential content of attaining the full driving licence by way of the tutor/instructor. This professional DSA registered individual is absolutely vital to the student learner-driver so as to pass on their motoring skills. And once the student is competent in all matters of law, theory and practical ability then the test can be taken. However, I can tell you that this doesn't happen with a certain number of tutors whom are charging you a professional fee for the tuition you have received. Fact. Yes, you could be deceived for your hard earned cash. The vast majority of professional instructors are well worth the remuneration sum agreed upon for tuition given. But, there remains a minority collection that are truly not and we have accrued proof of this time and time again over the years we have been in business. These tutors will take your money but the end results are very often never to be forthcoming. That is, your own full driving licence!

So, how do you avoid picking a bad apple out of the overflowing fruit basket? Why and how are these unprofessional tutors managing to deceive you? Well firstly, as you are a normal regular person that just requires a full driving licence, you will not see any differences initially within these tutors and the professional services that are available to you. You will obviously have an idea of what you are looking for within your learner-driver training. But, this may not be what is actually suitable for attaining your final goal! You may have been given a recommendation about a certain driving school or tutor. Alternatively, you may have shopped around for a low or competitive price. Well, it's a fact, just because your friend or colleague has advised a certain driving school or tutor it doesn't

actually mean you will progress well with them as too! Personality, age, temperament, mental abilities, availability, finances and how often you participate in tuition, etc all make a very big difference.

So, unless you are a mirror twin in every way possible then the instruction will be very different too. I know, you are saying it should not be! But, it most likely will be. Fact. Why, because your tutor is an individual too. And most tutors are resilient to change and are able to deal with all different characters from A to Z. However, some tutors are not so resilient being unable to cope with personality changes over a wide field of alternation. Fact. Analyse this: You can obviously get on very well with your best friend but another close colleague may not want to know! There can be conflict. Couple or connect them together and there could be trouble. Fact. And believe me, it happens within the professional fields too! Ultimately, you are just going to have to make your own judgements when choosing a driving school as recommendation is only a very rough guide. And if you even choose one yourself without help and assistance it can lead to trouble. The signs are there but you often ignore them until it's too late and you eventually end up searching the web for relief. Fact. This is how we at Driving Test Doctors UK are able to function as a successful business. So, do not be dismayed, relief is at hand!

Now, onto the second variable I mentioned above - Finances! - "You may have shopped around for a very low or complete price". Well, I can tell you that after 35 years within the driving instruction industry this is one of the biggest mistakes that any potential learner-driver can initially make on looking around for instruction. Of course, we have to evaluate and review the costs of driving lessons so as we don't pay out more money than is absolutely necessary. But again, it's a highly significant and very consequential reality that you most truly get what you pay for. Fact. There are many ways of expressing the cost of driving lessons on to a potential student so as to attract their custom. These adverts depict an array of low cost tuition as such: Discounts (for one reason or another), cheap tuition, low cost instruction, offers, guarantees, free first lesson (or maybe even more), free test, first five lessons only twenty five pounds, etc, etc. The list is never ending but it has the one distinct message - that is to choose our driving school please because attaining your full driving licence will cost you less than anywhere else! But, this not true. Now seriously think about it. There are two fruit shops in your town and one is across the road from the other. Each has an identically displayed lovely basket of fruit for sale that looks beautiful, delicious and very appealing. However, one is for sale at six pounds and at the other shop it's on offer at only three pounds! So, what would you do? Well, you definitely want one of the baskets because you went shopping for fruit. Would you instantly buy the lower cost basket at what appears to be a cheaper bargain price, or stop for a moment and consider why the other basket across the road is more money and what really appears to be very good value comparing it to an overall recognised cost? Well, it's actually down to your own personal

thought processes just what you would do at that moment in time without having any forethought of the situation of which I am bringing to you now! In all, I can tell you that a very high percentage would instantly go for the lower cost basket because it appeared to represent good value (or so they initially thought). However, having taken the basket home and consuming the contents it was found to be far from satisfactory (should have been as no surprise really)!

When we purchase goods and services we hold onto a certain amount of good faith and simple reasoning within ourselves so to convince the mind the product must be good because it's for sale from what appears to be a reputable shop! And sometimes it is but more often it's not. You can compare this to anything. And again it's a fact of life. It's also comparable with some driving schools and tutors and they know this. In the minority they are but reality it is. Fact. Remember the few sayings I have outlined below. They are truth and reality. I have come across them time and time again but the general public within the UK are mostly ignorant to their foundation at their own peril and expense!

- (1) Pay cheap and pay twice.
- (2) Quality and experience is not expensive - it's absolutely priceless.
- (3) There is no such thing as a free lunch (this has been around for decades but more than 90% of us disregard it's sentiments at great peril).

These Are Facts. Believe Them.

You can compare these sayings to the student I mentioned in the first paragraph of this document. Regretfully, this student was not the first learner-driver to experience poor under par tuition and I can tell you with honesty they will not be last. Over the 35 years we have been trading there have been countless situations alike. The way in which any individual can function is to have his or her own fare share of inadequacies. However, knowledge is a wonderful thing providing you engage with it at the right time before it's too late! Often, alas, it will be for the person whom is unaware!

We have looked in some very brief part at how the service provider may deceive you for their very own gains. Fact. So we will now look at why so as to conclude this article. And after which, it hoped you will be able to make an informed choice on your future learner-driving career by vetting the driving school very, very carefully before booking your future course of lessons. I will also release some very important information on the driving examiners purpose and the appointment slot you kept (and failed) so you can understand in more detail the role they have played on your driving test. Unfortunately, the average learner-driver student does not understand the failure sheet they have been given and further problems do begin to set in! In all, the learner-driver will often

attempt transference of the uncertainties and issues towards the examiner and direct blame onto them! Thus, you need to be aware of what is happening so you can rectify the situation. All this is to your personal advantage so as you can make good progress and pass the exam very soon without wasting any more good money or negatively directing your efforts in the wrong way.

Every single driving instructor within the land is offering you a service for the decent return of a respectable remuneration package whether it is for one lesson each week or fifty hours of work on an intensive course (this initially is what we are hoping for but it's not always what happens)! We are all registered with the DSA (or should be) as suitable, honest and proper people who have passed the necessary exams so as to give you the correct tuition. Fact.

However, as with any business that is to function successfully in today's competitive environment there will be plenty rivalry and contest. This is especially so when the profession is saturated and overfull within the same area of trading as is with many driving schools. Choose a wide rural location and only a handful of driving schools are available with plentiful students to grace their books.

So, you will find a reasonable professional fee is charged (and accepted) in return for the service. If you like, each tutor knows one another to a certain degree and they have a non-official price structure that is for all. However, look at the larger town and city environments for tuition and the situation can be very, very much different. Look over your shoulder at any one given time of day and you will most likely see a driving school car participating in tuition. If

not, I guarantee you will not have to wait very long so keep observing and maybe look over the other shoulder! Once my point has been realised you will begin to see what I am trying to convey. If there are approximately two hundred and fifty students each year within a rural location each choosing a driving school from a choice of only three, then providing each school is of equal ability and tariff then that equates to eighty three students each. There will most likely be no undercutting of prices as a full book for one school (eighty three students) means the next enquiry will be forced to try one of the other schools for a placement. Thus, in a very short time all three schools are running at full capacity. On the other hand

within the larger town and city locations there are maybe up to two thousand students seeking tuition from seventy-five tutors employed through twenty-five driving schools (x three tutors for each school - an average). Thus, this equates to twenty-six students for each instructor per year (these figures are for a comparison example only but on an average can be a reality). Fact.

Competition is then very hard as there are not enough students to equally fill their books. And so as to attract a student away from going to one of the rival driving schools it makes good sound sense initially to offer a lower price and even give offers to attain that business. However, this practice is perpetuated into a professional trade war (as I depicted on the previous page with downgraded incentives). And what should be high standards of training actually

begin to diminish. Why? Because when you know your profession is a struggle and you have to offer the services required at an under par price, you could naturally lose the exceedingly high regard and admiration for what it is because the work load is extreme and you have to pursue what is available over a much longer period of time. Thus, your six hours driving tuition each day has turned into ten or fourteen hours total with extra administration work chasing students so as to survive. It's a fact. Of course, being competitive is a good thing as it keeps you and your rivals on your toes. But, when you have to seriously down grade your services to half the costs of what they should be to keep trading and then working much longer hours you are in serious trouble. And this is regardless of what the opposition thinks or indeed does because they are in the same situation! Remember the basket of fruit for half price some way back. Well, the proprietor of the more reasonably priced basket and better contents at six pounds (a fair price for good quality) only had to wait his time when the customer came back "to buy twice" (remember the sayings I quoted). This proprietor waited his time and knew that the customer would be making him a visit to buy his fruit basket sooner or later. So, he won in the end and the customer attained satisfaction although it cost much more money than the buyer originally thought. Fact. DTD UK has been offering a similar service to the better fruit shop owner over the last 15 years or so and it's actually based on the parallel accounts of such!

So, where is all this leading when you compare the above situations to your learner-driver requirements? Well, what I have endeavoured to show you is a direct comparison to how you have ended up at our website looking for a conclusion to attaining your full driving licence. And in the process we have looked at why! It's no big secret how the mechanics work they are quite simply a fact of life but very often ignored. However, you alone as of now are being subject to the working of such and you need some direction so as to progress forward. I personally formed Driving Test Doctors UK fifteen years ago so as to attract, assist and give professional support to the learner-driver who is experiencing difficulties with learner-training and attaining the full driving licence. In short, as far as you are concerned, hardship, discord and sometimes conflict in passing the practical driving test. However, the latter expression (driving test) is the most common statement we are referred to by a student as this is seen as the most important hurdle to overcome. But, I have more news for you – it's not! The most difficult hurdle is the actual training you participate in so as to attain the full driving licence! Fact. So again, I see I need to explain!

A student of driving will visit our website and then contact us concerning the three, four, five and even six or more driving tests they have failed. More often than not this student will tell us that they can actually drive ok but just cannot pass the test! Think about it for a while. Now, in real terms I do not blame the students at all as

they have most likely been subject to instruction that could have been well under par because of the situations I have pointed out earlier. However, there is a little more to it than we have covered so far (so please read on because our article is now concluding and you will then be very much the wiser)! So, the student conveys to us “they cannot pass the test”. Now with respect to all our enquirers, they need to have an important aspect clearly explained to them right from the very start. And that is: You need to become a safe, skilled and competent driver while within your learner-driver training course so as to reach (and hopefully exceed) a successful driving test pass standard. This is the only way forward. There are no alternatives. And once this standard has been achieved you will most likely pass the exam successfully. Fact. Unfortunately, 45.25% of learner-driver students do not reach this standard (yes we are going back to earlier analysis within this document - but please be forbearing a little while longer). So, in actual fact, those students cannot drive. If they could drive as they convey to us they would pass the test with little problem. Now I hear you say, what about when the examiner failed me for this and that, etc when I think I should have passed! And also I passed on one thing last time but a different one this time! And my tutor said I am ready for the test and they cannot teach me anything else! It’s just not fair! I think I keep failing because the examiner has passed their quota for the day and therefore I didn’t stand a chance! Well, I can tell you over the thirty five years I have been within the learner-driver industry I have heard all the excuses and sayings time and time again. And yes, they are ignorant excuses. You never hear anyone complain when they have passed. Of course you don’t. But do you think the last 40 minutes with the examiner has made a vast difference to your learner driver skills! It appears we only grumble when we have fallen over the wrong side of the fence. Again, I do not blame the student, as most often it’s the tutor who is to blame outright. And if the tutor practiced their profession correctly and was totally honest with their clientele during training, then this kind of occurrence could be reduced dramatically. We will look at these details a little more closely in the next section. However, for now, I want you to understand very, very clearly that if - “you can actually drive ok” - you will most likely pass the test first time. Thus, the order in sequence should now be clearly outlined. Fact.

So, why do some driving tutors present their student to a test far too early? Well, if you can hold onto what I have endeavoured to explain earlier and understand in part some of the previous remarks I have outlined within this article, then we can now conclude and top-up the situation so as you can be enlightened! It will all come as no surprise that your tutor wants your money for the services given. Fact. And we have looked at why the tutor and their professional status can become diminished. Fact. But why do these tutors then present their student to a driving test appointment when they know the learner-driver clientele is well below the safe standard of a good driving ability to come even close to a pass. And believe me, yes

they do! Well it's quite simple really (well it is for someone who is in the know and dealing with this situation day in day out on our driver-rectification courses). Your tutor wants to keep you interested so as you can still continue with that tuition in their very own tuition car so as you will not be tempted to defect to another school. Fact. But again, I think I need to explain a little! What the DSA desire (the regulating driving authority) and your personal tutor (mostly) is for you to complete a thorough and satisfactory learner-driving programme having fully concluded the recommended training syllabus. However, just what the student actually requires from a professional point of view (number of hours training) and what the student has in mind are often two very different things! Fact. This is because of recent or past history of friends, relatives, colleagues and associates etc, having taken a course of lessons and passing the test! Not a problem I hear you say. However, yes there is. Because you mentally note and often discuss between you the number of hours having been taken and you then expect to complete your very own course in a very similar amount of time. Fact. This is often done subconsciously, initially, but it's a reality situation. This has been happening intensely for the last thirty year or more since driving conditions improved and modernized somewhat and they also became very much harder to cope with over time that in turn required more concentrated training. Fact. So, when your tutor observes that you are becoming saturated with the same tuition regime hour after hour and you are maybe not making the progress expected, then to keep the lessons alive you are sometimes booked in for a driving test appointment far too early at your great expense of time and money! And some tutors call this having a go, which is a dangerous practice indeed. This works to keep you within the driving school a while longer until you have failed the exam twice, three or four times (or even more) when eventually you begin to suspect something is wrong somewhere! In all, it can be a downward spiral of negativity that you can find very difficult to break free of. Yes, eureka, bingo or whatever you want to call it, you are getting it now as we have nearly arrived at just were we started off within this article. In short, we have discussed the "why" and I have shown you "how" and for "what" reasons. This has been a near-complete circle of knowledge for you the learner-driver and it's hoped you have taken note so as you can go forward in your learner-driving career instead of remaining standing still! So, choose wisely from now on.

We now need to finish off with the driving examiners role. And also, just why this very important person often attains a poor reputation from a very high number of the learner-driver clientele they engage with. You will obviously think that this is the very person who has the closing conclusion as to whether you can be seen as a safe driver on our roads of today and be allowed a full driving licence to show off your new-found skills. Well, in most of the part, you are totally wrong! And I am sure you will be very surprised to hear that

it is in fact your very own personal tutor's definitive decision that should actually determine this! Once again, I need to explain this so you can understand how the system should work for you and everyone else that is involved. Thus, hopefully you have understood so far within this short article just "how" and "why" you have arrived here at our website seeking our professional help. So, with the previous paragraphs taken into account of your very own troubled learner-driving history (and also possibly your inadequate driving tuition to date), I will move on.

Briefly, but very importantly, you employed a professional driving instructor (now very debatable) to take you through the complete DSA recommended learner-driving training syllabus so as you could become a safe and proper driver on our roads of today. However, you have now discovered this is very questionable and indeed this could be seriously contested against the actual facts! Anyway, so as to continue within this section we needed to remind you of the tutors role within the professional services you are paying very good money for so as to arrive at the examiners role and purpose and just why they are widely criticized which is totally unjust.

It's actually expected that your tutor should be 100% content that you have covered and brought to a conclusion your learner-driver skills so as they are around 76% efficient overall. Fact. This is without showing any seriously impaired deficiencies (or indeed inclined tendencies) so as to commit or possibly display any dangerous or severe actions within your driving technique. Fact. And yes, "76%" leaves room for error. But no one individual is perfect whether being a fully qualified driver of 50 years or so or a learner-driver on a provisional licence! Quit simply you are required to be "efficient" "skilful" "competent" and "safe". Fact. We all make mistakes including instructors and examiners but we just hope that they are not serious ones! The perfect driver being at 100% effective is not a reality. We are all human and that means having imperfections. However, there has to be a certain standard set within the examining process before you can be allowed a full driving licence so as to be let loose on the busy roads, and your very own personal tutor should know this criteria (as with your theory exam sitting you were not required to get all the questions correct). Fact. But alas, it is often flaunted and displayed in a negative way towards the driving examiner on a driving test with the learner-driver clientele being presented far too early with well under-par driving faults and nowhere near the 76% minimum standard level we set (we have learned this earlier in the article). Thus, how do you expect the examiner to react within this scenario when they sit next to you for the very first time and you display some very serious mistakes that ultimately should have been rectified very well before your tutor even considered a test? And yes, with a bit of thought, you should now be able to realise it's possibly your personal tutor who is greatly at fault here and that will reinforce very well my

previous text. But, let us now look at how the examiner can react and how you perceive their expression and personal character.

You promptly arrive for the driving test. Most likely your driving instructor has pre-booked this for you far too soon as we examined earlier! Now do remember we all have differing personalities. So, as long as the examiner is polite, courteous, social (though not too excessive - after all it's an exam) and professional then you should not be interested in anything else. It's no excuse after the test has been conducted to start complaining about the examiners attitude towards you when they either beat you to the brake pedal, grabbed the steering wheel, assisted in some verbal support as to possibly changing gear or indeed asked you to slow down or speed up a little, etc. Quite simply the examiner should not have to involve themselves in this way. Fact. And indeed some of the lesser-forgiving professionals amongst them will not get too involved unless it's dire and absolutely necessary and/or possibly a dangerous situation is imminent. However, whether you have received help in one way or another (or the lack of it) and/or the examiner decides to remain silent, then the learner-driver student being tested can often try to transfer their inadequate state of being onto the nearest unfortunate person around and this being the testing person who is sitting next them! And yes, you do feel inadequate and shamed but in my experience over the years you are most likely to blame the examiner because you were about to do what they did for you anyway and possibly you resented or questioned that, of which you shouldn't do anyway! And more often than not this is a very true fact. So, if you are presented for an exam and these situations do arise (or similar) then think yourself lucky that the examiner has not terminated the test early and left you and your car 2 miles away from the test centre to be picked up by the head-in-hand tutor later! In all, your reactions and learning skills have been far under par for a testing situation and you shouldn't have been there in first place! Fact. And, you have been very lucky indeed as you, car and examiner have made it back to the test centre in one piece (maybe)! Thus, with this kind of situation happening up to 45% of the time for each testing station around the country (that's nearly 1 in every 2 clients whom are presented for an exam), then don't you think the examiners have a very tough job indeed in keeping their cool and remaining totally professional with nerves intact when they sit next to all those ill trained students day in and day out! Remember the examiner has not seen your driving skills before and they do expect to be safe and sound within the left hand seat of the car while you alone conduct and show off your taught techniques! But alas, 1 in every 2 clients will fail the exam and you alone have personally experienced drawing this short straw. But don't blame the examiner (or indeed yourself) on account of you being on a test too soon and failing the exam for whatever reason. I can honestly tell you through experience, if you have completed the full training syllabus successfully with a competent, honest and skilful tutor who is not earnestly out to get your money

and business on a fight to fight basis with their competitors and rivals, then the chances of you passing the test first time are around 90% plus. Fact. Now I do hope there is not going to be a second time around for you within a similar scenario to your recent history of taking an exam without firstly being fully prepared for it!

However, if you do choose to continue without any driving rectification programme so as to better and further your driving skills, then please don't blame the examiner, as the fault(s) are more likely to rest elsewhere! Fact. In conclusion, please remember that there are three main variables as to whether, how and when you take the driving test. And these variables will determine whether you successfully pass or indeed so miserably fail as you have already experienced! They are: (1) Yourself. (2) Your Tutor And Car. (3) The Examiner. So, in closure of this article, I will leave it for you to decide on reflection of the previously discussed points and facts as just what you can do to upgrade your learner-driving career and better yourself so as to pass the test successfully the next time around.

I leave a footnote below in the respect of my profession, colleagues, prospective learner-driver clientele, business associates, transport registered personnel, competitors and any other body of person(s) to whom this article may be of interest.

The main aim of this article has 2-fold purpose. (1) To inform the learner-driver who is finding it difficult to pass their practical driving test and as to the possible reasons for this. The text and therefore the statement of causes within are by no means a complete compilation. Some issues are a well-educated surmise while other are true facts. Both are based on experience and/or proofs. There could well be other issues and circumstances that I have not discussed that could be influencing a driving test failure. And it is also a widespread reality that many a reputable driving school of a good standing nature and of a professionally recognised position has at sometime or another had to offer a financially downgraded and sometimes somewhat lower-cost incentive service so as to remain in full business. But, at what and who's overall expense! However, my attack is not directed at such professionals as they form the backbone of our learner-driving organisations. In all, you have to be very selective and seek out the rouge tutors that can be very costly indeed. From the vast experience I have gained personally over the 35 years of trading as a professional ADI I feel I have inferred on subjects that remains to be of a very high issue within the strife, rivalry and struggle to attain overall professionalism within the learner-driver industry. It's a fact that all registered ADI's have been through a stringent training process to achieve the position of a professional driving instructor. However, it's also a fact that a small minority of those qualified ADI's flout and defy the system they are supposed to convey and obey which will bring me onto the next objective within this footnote. (2) We (DTD UK) run a very successful business offering learner-driver

rectification courses on a residential basis. Throughout the years we have been trading, we have built up our nationally recognised name upon the countless misfortunes of many a learner-driver requiring some form of help and assistance so as to become a safe, skilled and competent driver so as to go on and pass the regulatory driving test. And, while the ADI's whom I have discussed within this article continue to offer a lower than standard service to the student whom is requiring to be taught to drive, our exclusive business will continue to flourish. It is with no exaggeration to say here that we continually have enquiries from many a learner-driver clientele whom have been presented to a driving test appointment with an examiner for a minimum of 3 or more times and they are confused and dismayed as to why they have not passed yet! And when this student has taken up a driver-rectification programme with us to look into their problem(s), we have been astonished, amazed and astounded that on the very first module we have found this learner-diver to be excessively under-par for a practical exam! Fact. It is also a very common situation to recruit mainly from the larger city environments, where, in our vast experience the problems do flourish!

Fact.

I leave you with one of our very best but absolutely true statements that you have heard somewhere before!

Quality and experience is not expensive – it's absolutely priceless.