

Log of Updates and Additions to DVSA Assessment Strategy 2026

Please refer to the following log of changes for the updated DVSA Assessment Strategy. New information is highlighted in purple or otherwise stated.

4. Eligibility Requirements

Learners must provide evidence that they have 4 years full-time employment experience permitted by law. This should be done by providing their employment history using [Get proof of employment history - GOV.UK](#).

If a learner is unable to use this service, then they must provide another form of documentary evidence to show they have 4 years full-time employment experience permitted by law such as payslips, invoices, contracts (this list is not exhaustive). This evidence must show the individuals name, employers name, pay and/ or contracted hours, length of employment, job description/ roles. A written justification for not using the Get proof of employment history – Gov.uk service must be recorded by the training Provider). All evidence must be kept in line with the AOs requirements and available to DVSA on request. Further information in Annex E Requirements for employment history doc.

The disclosure check must be dated within 3 months of your DVSA demonstration test. For example, a certificate dated 21 February 2026 would not be acceptable for a demonstration test booked for 21 May 2026. The DVSA demonstration test request must be made personally by the newly qualified/existing/returning tester using the following link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/book-an-mot-tester-demonstration-test>. Training providers must not do this on behalf of testers.

4.1 Classes 1&2

Those who wish to undertake the Level 2 Award in Mot Testing (Classes 1 and 2) must:

- have a current and full UK driving licence for a vehicle class within the test group to be tested.
- be a skilled technician with at least 4 years' full-time employment, permitted by law, in the service and repair of the vehicle types to be tested.
- have no unspent convictions for criminal offences as described in Appendix 7 of the MOT Testing Guide.

- not be currently suspended or disqualified from MOT testing and
- be of good repute as described in Appendix 7 of the MOT Testing Guide
- **personally create an account on the MOT Testing Service**

4.2 Classes 4&7

Those who wish to undertake the Level 2 Award in Mot Testing (Classes 4 and 7) must:

- have a current and full UK driving licence for a vehicle class within the test group to be tested.
- be a skilled technician with at least 4 years' full-time employment, permitted by law, in the service and repair of the vehicle types to be tested.
- have an appropriate qualification. For details relating to this please see; <https://www.gov.uk/become-an-mot-tester/qualifications>
- have no unspent convictions for criminal offences as described in Appendix 7 of the MOT Testing Guide.
- not be currently suspended or disqualified from MOT testing and
- be of good repute as described in Appendix 7 of the MOT Testing Guide
- **personally create an account on the MOT Testing Service**

4.4 MOT Manager

There are no eligibility requirements for those who wish to undertake the Level 3 Award in MOT Test Centre Management, however if they wish to take on the role as Authorised Examiner Dedicated Manager (AEDM) or Authorised Examiner Principal (AEP) **they must personally create an account on the MOT Testing Service** and they must be:

- free of conviction and
- be of good repute as described in Appendix 7 of the MOT Testing Guide

5. Training / Delivery and Assessment Requirements

5.2 Training and delivery material approval

Prior to delivery, the AOs must approve TP (for all qualifications they hold approval for, **in line with their working practises**):

- Scheme of Work (SOW)
- Session plans
- Training materials
- Trainers and assessors

- Training and assessment environment

6. Requirements for Trainers, Assessors and Quality Assurers

6.1 Requirements for existing Trainers and Assessors

Within the table, reference to VT8 now updated to **DVSA MOT8**. There is now a requirement for Assessors to pass a DVSA MOT8 (was previously trainer only). Assessors must complete a DVSA MOT8 by 31 December 2026.

Alternatively, trainers will be acceptable if they have previously delivered MOT Tester/Manager courses on behalf of DVSA. **(only applies to existing trainers)**

All trainers and assessors are required to have their photographs displayed at their training site accessible to all learners.

11. Candidate fails a DVSA demo test

When MOT Policy is in receipt of 3 notifications of candidates failing the demo test for a second time from a particular TP within a calendar month period MOT Policy (MOT@dvs.gov.uk) will contact the appropriate AOs. The initial action from the AOs will be to contact the TP, detailing the concerns and warning of the further actions of repeated demo test failures.

If after 3-month period three further demo test failures (second attempts) have been identified from a particular TP, the Vehicle Examiner will send details to MOT Policy (MOT@dvs.gov.uk) who will then contact the relevant AOs.

DVSA are recording all demonstration test failures to identify shortcomings in learners meeting the eligibility requirements and/or not meeting the minimum test standards to become a tester.

(The monitoring of all demonstration test failures are for a trial period and results are being forwarded to the AO's to action as appropriate)



12. Requirements for Training Providers (TPs)

TP can be present during the vehicle examiners assessment of learners during the demonstration test, and during the vehicle examiners feedback however they cannot interfere or discuss any results. Any interference will result in demonstration tests being refused to be observed at this site and/or the TP will not have any MOT Level 2 or Level 3 certification accepted by DVSA.

Annex E

Tester eligibility form updated (Ver H).