



# Working To Save Lives

15 June, 2020

Ms. Claire Kerrane, TD.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

Re: Parliamentary Question 8701/20

I refer to Parliamentary Question No 8701/20.

**To ask the Minister for Transport; Tourism and Sport his plans for the resumption of driver tests; the number waiting for driver tests by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Regarding the resumption of driving tests the Road Safety Authority is examining ways of maintaining Health & Safety protocols that allow for the return of motorcycle,, truck and bus driving tests during Phase 3 and making preparations for the return of Car testing in Phase 4.

In relation to car driving tests, there are challenges including maintaining social distancing as a car driving test means close contact in an enclosed space between the driver tester and the learner driver for periods in excess of 15 minutes. We are looking at all available options to get car driving tests started again as soon as possible in phase 4.

**Appendix A** outlines numbers of persons on waiting lists by Test Centre.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

John Caulfield,  
Interim CEO

**Appendix A**

<b>Test Centre</b>	<b>Numbers Waiting to be scheduled as at 10/06/2020</b>
Athlone	691
Ballina	464
Birr	551
Buncrana	252
Carlow	1,247
Carrick-On-Shannon	434
Castlebar	782
Cavan	847
Clifden	178
Clonmel	872
Cork	3896
Donegal	454
Dun Laoghaire/Deansgrange	3,039
Dundalk	1735
Dungarvan	510
Ennis	719
Finglas	4,372
Galway	1552
Gorey	1,155
Kilkenny	970
Killarney	765
Kilrush	171
Letterkenny	801
Limerick	1,850
Longford	419
Loughrea	504
Mallow	1,071
Monaghan	387
Mulhuddart	1,871
Mullingar	822
Naas	2,758
Navan	1,700
Nenagh	407
Newcastle West	567
Portlaoise	783
Raheny	1,989
Roscommon	590
Shannon	303
Skibbereen	513
Sligo	651
Tallaght	5,267
Thurles	507
Tipperary	354
Tralee	954
Tuam	472
Tullamore	777
Waterford	1,455
Wexford	870
Wicklow	729