2026 to 2027 topics

These are the topics for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

Group A

Testers who test vehicles in group A need to know about:

- lamps, reflectors and electrical equipment
- information in the MOT testing guide
- braking
- the MOT inspection manual for motorcycles and sidecars

Group B

Testers who test vehicles in group B need to know about:

- lamps, reflectors and electrical equipment
- information in the MOT testing guide
- braking
- the MOT inspection manual for cars and passenger vehicles

Groups A and B

MOT testers who test vehicles in both group A and group B need to study all the topics. They will need to train for at least 6 hours a year (instead of 3) and take 2 annual assessments.

Questions on lamps, reflectors and electrical equipment

These are some examples of the subjects MOT testers will be asked questions about:

- headlamp aim
- headlamp conversions
- lighting requirements (dates, position, colour, type, separation distance)
- setting up headlamp test equipment
- identifying the beam image
- multi-function lamps (for example a position lamp or daytime running lamp (DRL) combined with an indicator or stop lamp)
- halogen lamps converted to LED or HID
- compliance with requirements

Questions on information in the MOT testing guide

These are some examples of the subjects MOT testers will be asked questions about:

- training logs – including what action DVSA can take if you do not complete your training log
- driving licences – including driving licence requirements for MOT testers, restricted licences and name changes (section E of the MOT testing guide)

- convictions – including what happens if you fail to notify DVSA about convictions
- repute
- what happens if prospective or existing testers make false declarations or statements or give false documents to DVSA or MOT training providers
- aborting or abandoning a test
- becoming mentally or physically unfit to test
- replacement certificates
- duplicate certificates
- change of vehicle classification
- change of vehicle details
- grounds to refuse an MOT test
- grounds to decline an MOT test
- discipline (section I of the MOT testing guide)
- what happens if a vehicle is damaged during an MOT test

Questions on brake requirements

These are some examples of the subjects MOT testers will be asked questions about:

- mechanical components (discs, drums, brake pads and linings)
- cables, rods, levers and linkages
- brake pipes, rigid and flexible hoses
- hydraulic systems
- brake performance and procedures – linked brake systems (group A), electrical mechanical brakes and 4x4 vehicle testing (group B)
- identifying dual purpose vehicles and the appropriate brake test (class 4 only)

Questions on the MOT inspection manuals

These are some examples of the subjects all MOT testers will be asked questions about:

- tyres (including tread depth, condition, valve stem, size, type)
- suspension (including suspension components, fastening devices, linkages, wear in components, bushes)

Group A

These are some examples of subjects MOT testers might be asked about for group A:

- sidecars
- handlebar condition
- forks and yokes
- structure and attachments

Group B

These are some examples of subjects MOT testers might be asked about for group B:

- suspension components (including pins and bushes, suspension arms, ball joints and ball joint dust covers)

- anti-roll bars (including ball joints, linkage ball joints, dust covers, pins and bushes, and attachment bracket and mounting)
- subframes (including prescribed mounting areas, attachment brackets, ball joints, ball joint dust covers, and pins and bushes)
- emissions testing and smoke testing (including kit cars, different engine, vehicle conversions, and when the information is not available on equipment or emission booklet)