

Setting up an MOT Station



Basic requirements

Authorised examiner (AE) status - approved by DVSA.

MOT Station Manager (SM).

Nominated Testers (NT)

Suitable Premises for the vehicle classes.

Approved testing equipment.

Basic requirements

Authorised examiner (AE) is responsible for ensuring that –

Facilities & equipment is checked & maintained.

Nominated testers (training & QC checks).

Documentation storage / access.

Ensure tests are properly conducted.

Notifying DVSA of any changes within 7 days.

NLC's AE is Gavin Whitefield (Chief Exec)

More Info – DVSA's So you want to be an Authorised Examiner? (PDF download)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244523/so-you-want-to-be-an-authorised-examiner.pdf

Basic requirements

MOT Station Manager (SM) has direct responsibility for MOT operations at a testing station.

Must attend 2 day MOT Managers course

Nominated Tester (NT) approved to carry out MOT tests.

Must meet requirements set by DVSA

Must complete 2 or 3 day NT training course

Must complete refresher training every 5 years.

(Temp suspended since 01 Apr 2015)

Basic requirements

Suitable Premises –

Size & layout of the building / test bay

Safe & easy access

Adequate parking

Waiting / Viewing area

Welfare facilities

Proper signage / public notices displayed

Basic requirements

Approved Testing Equipment –

Different classes of vehicle need different specialist test equipment.

You must have at least the minimum level for each vehicle class you're approved to test.

All equipment must be kept in good working order and calibrated properly.

List of approved equipment for:

- brake pedal application devices

- decelerometers

- diesel smoke meters

- exhaust gas analysers (catalyst vehicles)

- exhaust gas analysers (non-catalyst vehicles)

- floor/pull along brake testers

- hand held devices

- headlamp aim testers

- oil temperature measurement devices (these are sometimes integral to diesel smoke meters)

- plate brake testers

- roller brake testers

- speed limiters

- tow bar socket testers

- tyre tread depth gauges

- wheel play detectors

Costs & Complications

Cost of set up - £35K (Capital funded)

Plans & planning permissions

IT set up / forthcoming changes (User access)

Customers & Competition

Appointments – availability

Card payments only – payment prior to test (£40 class 4)

Other MOT stations – Unfairly tagged as dishonest by consumer advise (Martin Lewis) recommending going to local authorities.