



## UK Vows to Clear Driving Test Backlog by Next Summer

### Description

The UK government aims to reduce the long waiting times for driving tests. Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander plans to add 10,000 extra tests per month to tackle the issue. Long waits, currently up to six months in some areas, are deemed "unacceptable".

Alexander also wants to double training capacity for examiners, asking qualified staff to return to the frontline temporarily. Overtime pay will be reinstated to speed up test deliveries. The goal is to reduce wait times to a maximum of 7 weeks by the summer of 2026.

To combat test booking bots that exploit learners by reselling slots at inflated prices, the government will introduce measures. Emma Bush from AA Driving School praised the plan to decrease waiting times and emphasized the importance of quick test access for job and education purposes.

With a record 1.95 million tests booked last year, consultation on improving the booking system will take place. The crackdown on bots is part of a larger effort to streamline the process for aspiring drivers.

### Vocabulary List:

1. **Unacceptable** /ˌʌn.ək'sept.ə.bəl/ (adjective): Not satisfactory or allowable.
2. **Capacity** /kə'pæs.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The maximum amount that something can contain or accommodate.
3. **Combat** /'kɒm.bæt/ (verb): To take action to reduce or prevent a threat.
4. **Introduce** /ˌɪn.trə'dju:s/ (verb): To bring something into use or operation for the first time.
5. **Streamline** /'stri:m.laɪn/ (verb): To design or provide with a form that presents the least resistance to fluid flow or to make more efficient by simplifying.
6. **Emphasized** /'ɛmfə'saɪzd/ (verb): To give special importance or prominence to something in speaking or writing.

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What term is used to describe the overturning of a vessel?



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- Option: Incident  
Option: Recovery  
Option: Capsize  
Option: Combat
2. What is the term for the process of regaining possession of a vessel after an incident?  
Option: Unacceptable  
Option: Rescue  
Option: Recovery  
Option: Compensation
3. Which term refers to the act of saving individuals from a vessel in distress?  
Option: Introduce  
Option: Recovery  
Option: Rescue  
Option: Streamline
4. What term denotes the maximum amount that something can contain?  
Option: Emphasized  
Option: Capacity  
Option: Tariffs  
Option: Impact
5. Which term relates to a struggle or fighting involving two or more entities?  
Option: Yields  
Option: Combat  
Option: Confidence  
Option: Unrest
6. Which term refers to limitations or controls imposed on certain actions or activities?  
Option: Confiscation  
Option: Unrest  
Option: Outbreak  
Option: Restrictions
7. Which term describes a sudden occurrence or increase of something harmful or unwanted?  
Option: Cured  
Option: Confiscation  
Option: Restitution  
Option: Outbreak
8. What term refers to tasks or situations that test one's abilities or skills?  
Option: Confidence
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- Option: Impact
- Option: Unrest
- Option: Challenges

9. What is the term for the action of taking someone's property with authority?

- Option: Unacceptable
- Option: Confiscation
- Option: Yields
- Option: Tariffs

10. What term refers to something given to make amends for loss or suffering?

- Option: Impact
- Option: Compensation
- Option: Pasteurization
- Option: Confiscation

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. After the incident an \_\_\_\_\_ was assigned to examine the causes of the capsizing.
12. The level of negligence displayed by the crew was deemed \_\_\_\_\_ by the authorities.
13. The report \_\_\_\_\_ the need for better safety protocols on vessels.
14. The investment in maritime technology \_\_\_\_\_ positive results for the shipping industry.
15. Increased training and preparedness build \_\_\_\_\_ among sailors facing challenging conditions.
16. The harsh weather had a significant \_\_\_\_\_ on the vessel's stability.
17. Crew dissatisfaction led to a period of \_\_\_\_\_ on board the ship.
18. The new regulations imposed higher \_\_\_\_\_ on imported goods.
19. The outbreak of illness was effectively \_\_\_\_\_ through quarantine procedures.



20. The accused crew members faced a trial to ensure \_\_\_\_\_ was served.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The large ship was a crucial mode of transportation for cargo across the ocean.
22. The collision between two ships was recorded as a serious maritime .
23. The naval forces engaged in intense with the pirates to protect the merchant vessels.
24. The new safety protocols were to prevent future accidents.
25. Efforts to the cargo handling process led to significant time savings.
26. The captain the importance of checking the vessel's stability before departure.
27. Strong formed among the crew members during their time at sea.
28. The new navigation system better accuracy in determining the ship's position.
29. The company paid substantial to the affected families as a gesture of goodwill.
30. Navigating through the storm presented one of the greatest the crew had faced.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Capsize 2. Recovery 3. Rescue 4. Capacity 5. Combat 6. Restrictions 7. Outbreak  
8. Challenges 9. Confiscation 10. Compensation

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Investigator 12. Unacceptable 13. Emphasized 14. Yields 15. Confidence 16. Impact 17. Unrest  
18. Tariffs 19. Cured 20. Justice

**Matching sentence:** 1. Vessel 2. Incident 3. Combat 4. Introduce 5. Streamline 6. Emphasized 7. Bonds 8.  
Yields 9. Restitution 10. Challenges

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