

Appendix O – Vehicle Testing Station Criterion

It is proposed that the application process be restricted to MOT licensed testing stations that are located within the Preston local authority area.

In addition the following proposed criteria would also have to be met by applicants:

- DVSA risk rating – Green required.
- DVSA authorised approved test lane.
- Minimum of 3 DVSA authorised testers with a DVSA risk rating of Green.
- A minimum of one authorised tester to be available at all times the garage is open.
- Customer car parking spaces available – minimum of 3 spaces.
- Provide details for the disposal of waste oil, car batteries, tyres and other vehicle parts.
- Minimum number of weekly test appointments available is 30.
- Appointments available Monday to Saturday.
- Dedicated clean and comfortable waiting area.
- Separate customer sanitary facilities.
- Public Liability insurance - £5m.
- Employers Liability insurance.
- Provide a Basic Disclosure and Barring Service certificate for business directors, partners or sole trader and testers.
- Broadband connection (Internet access/competence for submitting test results to PCC).
- Training records in respect of additional Council comfort/appearance requirements.
- Authorised testers to have a full UK or EC or EEA driving licence.
- Customer complaints procedure.
- CCTV surveillance system covering internal and external areas in good working order and available for inspection by authorised officers of PCC.
- Records of DVSA self-assessment compliance checks be available for inspection by authorised officers of PCC.

There would be no limit on the number of approved testing stations; that would be a business decision for all eligible garages to consider whether to apply.