| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2610  Responded to: 30 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for the past five years (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019):**

**MOT fines**

* **The number of fines issued for cars without an MOT, broken down by month.**

With regards to information dating from January 2019 until December 2021, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information requested.

By way of explanation, prior to 01 January 2022, each legacy police force used its own method to record this information. To research, assess and extract the data required from these separate historical systems would greatly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and so this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

For information dated from 01 January 2022 to date, please refer to Table 1.

*Table 1 – Fixed Penalty Notice – Driving Without Current Test Certificate – 01/01/2022 – 24/10/2024*

| **Month** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
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| January | 1,101 | 920 | 872 |
| February | 969 | 789 | 761 |
| March | 852 | 892 | 652 |
| April | 919 | 898 | 714 |
| May | 883 | 717 | 523 |
| June | 698 | 693 | 567 |
| July | 686 | 598 | 617 |
| August | 727 | 667 | 609 |
| September | 652 | 639 | 543 |
| October | 759 | 733 | 598 |
| November | 900 | 835 | N/A |
| December | 809 | 838 | N/A |
| Total | 9,955 | 9,219 | 6,456 |

* **The total cost of fines given to drivers who have driven without an MOT, broken down by month**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

In order to obtain the figures requested, each fixed penalty notice would have to be reviewed to determine the fine amount and whether or not this was paid on time. Those that have gone unpaid are progressed as police reports to Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) for consideration and may have garnered convictions or additional fines.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.