

*These notes refer to the Road Traffic (Vehicle Testing) Act
1999 (c.12) which received Royal Assent on 30 June 1999*

ROAD TRAFFIC (VEHICLE TESTING) ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

8. The principal purpose of the Act is to amend the provisions of Part II of the Road Traffic Act 1988 relating to the testing of vehicles other than heavy goods vehicles.
9. The Act makes provision for the establishment of a central computer database of the MOT test status of vehicles. The database may be used:
 - to aid enforcement;
 - to make it easier to introduce paperless vehicle relicensing; and
 - to enable the Secretary of State to make particulars in the records available to interested parties.

Additionally, the provisions clarify the legal status of persons authorised to supervise or carry out MOT tests.