

## Taxi Testing Analysis Report 2026

This data is taken from Tranman, which is the booking system used by the licensing team and Ty Thomas.

### **Overview**

There has been a change to the amount of test slots available, therefore we have taken the data from September 2025, February 2026 and what is currently predicted/booked in for March 2026.

## Analysis

### **September 2025 data**

146 slots should have been allocated for taxi testing during the month of September. This is based on the following test slots being allocated to licensing based on the following times

Monday to Thursday

7 am x 1 slot  
 10 am x 2 slots  
 11 am x 2 slots  
 1.30 pm x 1 slot  
 2.30 pm x 1 slot

Friday

7 am x 1 slot  
 8 am x 1 slot  
 10 am x 1 slot  
 11 am x 1 slot  
 1.30 pm x 1 slot

In September 2025 licensing sent out 88 letters to proprietors requesting the present their vehicle for testing a Ty Thomas. This was a mixture of both mechanical and annual tests.

Taxi Tests Carried out (Mechanical and Annual)	83
Test slots showing as taken on Tranman (these are slots that are showing as unavailable – these are removed by Ty Thomas)	50
Retests – These tests are 15-minute slots that are usually done between 9 – 10 am	18
New Vehicles – This is included in the Taxi Tests Carried out	11
Moved Tests or additional slots used – Moved to slots outside the above by Ty Thomas	5
Cancelled by licensing – for various reason for example - due to vehicle being no longer used as a taxi	11
Proprietor failed to attend	8

**February 2026 data**

116 slots should have been allocated for taxi testing during the month of February. This is based on the following test slots being allocated to licensing based on the following times

Monday to Thursday

- 8 am x 1 slot
- 10 am x 1 slot
- 11 am x 1 slots
- 12 pm x 1 slot
- 1.30 pm x 1 slot
- 2.30 pm x 1 slot

Friday

- 7 am x 1 slot
- 10 am x 1 slot
- 11 am x 1 slot
- 12 am x 1 slot
- 1.30 pm x 1 slot

For February 2026 licensing sent out 79 letters to proprietors requesting the present their vehicle for testing a Ty Thomas. This was a mixture of both mechanical and annual tests.

Taxi Tests Carried out (Mechanical and Annual)	80
Test slots showing as taken on Tranman (these are slots that are showing as unavailable – these are removed by Ty Thomas)	27
Retests – These tests are 15-minute slots that are usually done between 9 – 10 am	13
New Vehicles – This is included in the Taxi Tests Carried out	7
Moved Tests or additional slots used – Moved to slots outside the above by Ty Thomas	4
Cancelled by licensing – for various reason for example - due to vehicle being no longer used as a taxi	5
Proprietor failed to attend	7

**March 2026 data**

108 slots should have been allocated for taxi testing during the month of March. This is based on the following test slots being allocated to licensing based on the following times

Monday to Thursday

- 8 am x 1 slot
- 10 am x 1 slot
- 11 am x 1 slots
- 12 pm x 1 slot
- 1.30 pm x 1 slot
- 2.30 pm x 1 slot

Friday

No slots without specific consent from Ty Thomas

For March 2026 licensing sent out 84 letters to proprietors requesting the present their vehicle for testing a Ty Thomas. This was a mixture of both mechanical and annual tests.

Taxi Tests booked in (Mechanical and Annual)	94
Test slots showing as taken on Tranman (these are slots that are showing as unavailable – these are removed by Ty Thomas)	6
Retests – These tests are 15-minute slots that are usually done between 9 – 10 am	0
New Vehicles – This is included in the Taxi Tests Booked	3
Moved Tests or additional slots used – Moved to slots outside the above by Ty Thomas	0
Cancelled by licensing – for various reason for example - due to vehicle being no longer used as a taxi	1
Proprietor failed to attend	0

At the time of writing this report, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, there is currently only 1 test slot available, and this is on 30<sup>th</sup> March at 12 pm. We have been advised that we can use the 9 am slots, if they are available, however, these are usually reserved for re-tests. If we were to use the 9 am slots for new vehicles or previously cancelled tests this would have an impact on re-test times.

It is also important to note that if a vehicle is not presented for re-test within 10 working days of it failing, then another full test is required, therefore taking another full slot. This would also have a financial impact on the proprietor requiring them to pay a higher fee.

### **Key Observations**

#### Decrease in Available Slots

From September 2025 to March 2026, the total number of slots has dropped from 146 to 108. A reduction of 38 slots, which is about a 26% decrease in six months.

#### Increase in Demand

##### 1. Tests Conducted/Booked:

- In September 2025, 83 tests were carried out.
- This slightly dipped to 80 tests in February 2026.
- However, by March 2026, we saw a rise in demand with 94 tests booked, showing an increase of 14 from February.

##### 2. Letters Sent to Proprietors:

- 88 letters were sent in September.

- This decreased to 79 in February but rose again to 84 in March, potentially down to February being a shorter month.

#### Summary of Findings

The total number of available slots for testing has decreased significantly, while demand is on the rise, particularly in March.