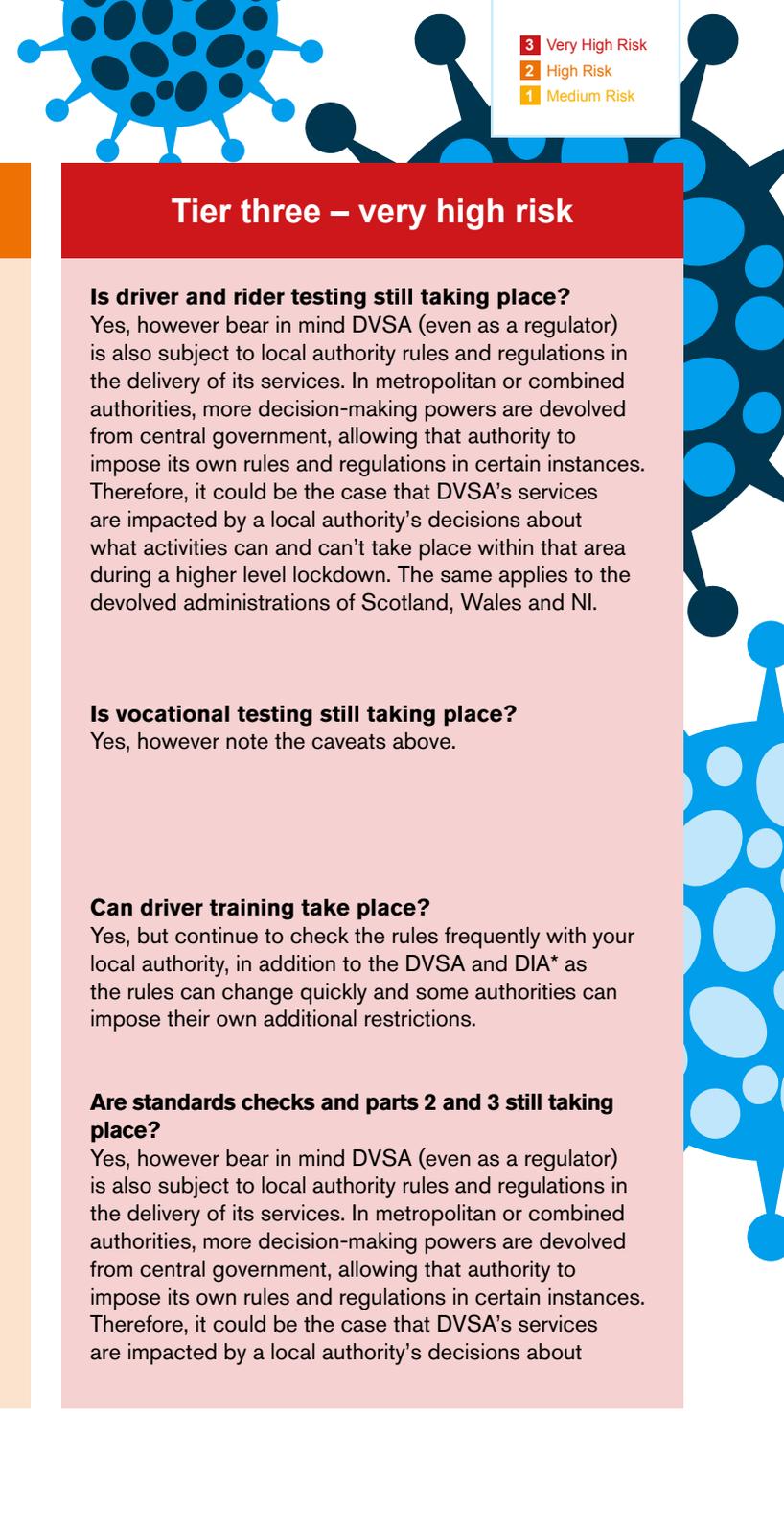




# How the tiered lockdown affects driver and rider training



## Tier one – medium risk

### Is driver and rider testing still taking place?

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### Is vocational testing still taking place?

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### Can driver training take place?

Yes, but continue to check the rules frequently with your local authority, in addition to the DVSA and DIA\* as the rules can change quickly and some authorities can impose their own additional restrictions.

### Are standards checks and parts 2 and 3 still taking place?

Yes

## Tier two – high risk

### Is driver and rider testing still taking place?

Yes, however bear in mind DVSA (even as a regulator) is also subject to local authority rules and regulations in the delivery of its services. In metropolitan or combined authorities, more decision-making powers are devolved from central government, allowing that authority to impose its own rules and regulations in certain instances. Therefore, it could be the case that DVSA's services are impacted by a local authority's decisions about what activities can and can't take place within that area during a higher level lockdown. The same applies to the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and NI.

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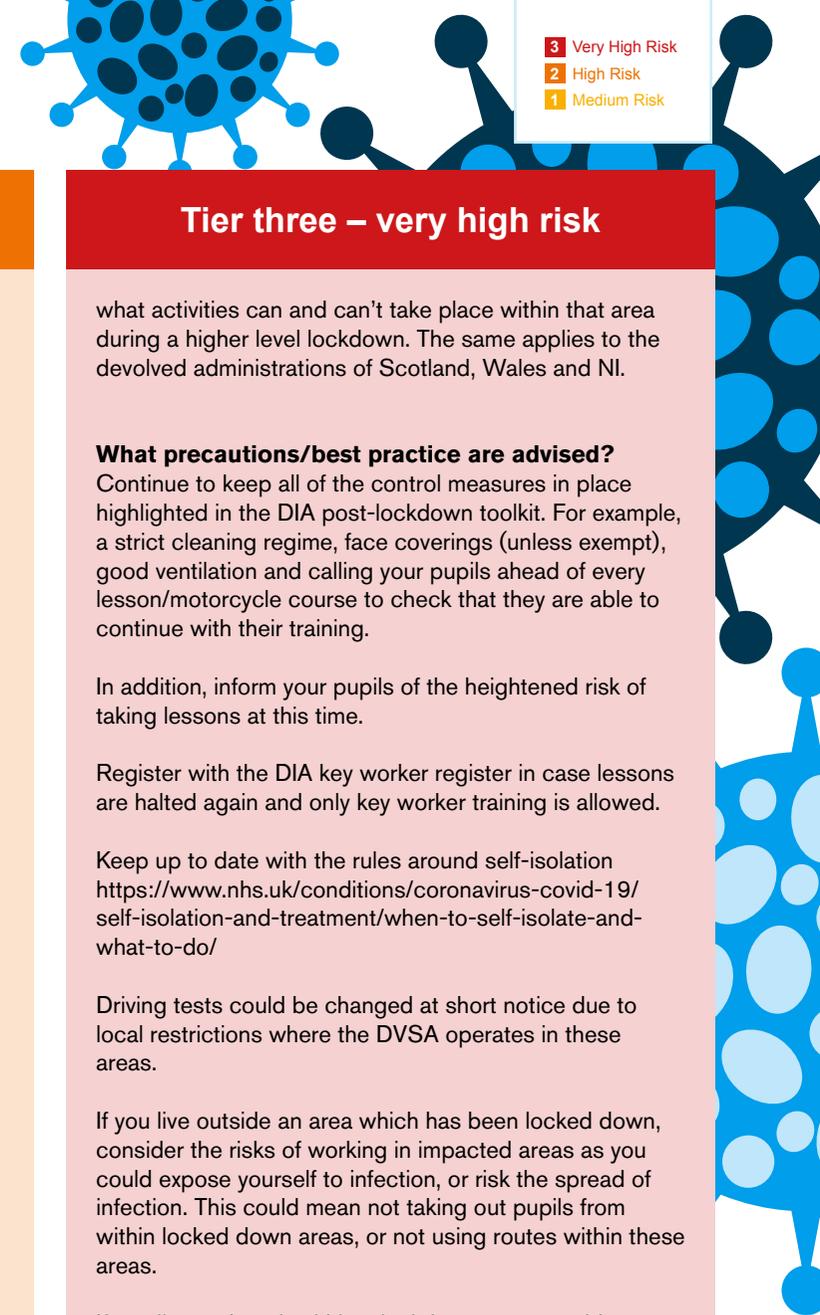
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- 3 Very High Risk
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## Tier one – medium risk

### What precautions/best practice are advised?

Continue to keep all of the control measures in place highlighted in the DIA post-lockdown toolkit. For example, a strict cleaning regime, face coverings (unless exempt), good ventilation and calling your pupils ahead of every lesson/motorcycle course to check that they are able to continue with their training.

Register with the DIA key worker register in case lessons are halted again and only key worker training is allowed.

Keep up-to-date with the rules around self-isolation <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

## Tier two – high risk

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### What precautions/best practice are advised?

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In addition, inform your pupils of the heightened risk of taking lessons at this time.

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Driving tests could be changed at short notice due to local restrictions where the DVSA operates in these areas.

If you live outside an area which has been locked down, consider the risks of working in impacted areas as you could expose yourself to infection, or risk the spread of infection. This could mean not taking out pupils from within locked down areas, or not using routes within these areas.

If you live and work within a lockdown area consider whether you should be travelling to areas outside of the locked down zone to teach, or teaching at all at this time within a locked down area.



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The table above shows the three tiers of COVID restrictions and their current impact on driver training and testing.

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There might be financial help available if you can't work. Check with your local authority.

\*To ensure you receive email alerts from the DVSA Direct mailings and DIA, ensure your email details are correct. You can check the details you have registered with the DVSA at [gov.uk/update-approved-driving-instructor-registration](https://gov.uk/update-approved-driving-instructor-registration). You can log into MY DIA at [driving.org](https://driving.org) or email [help@driving.org](mailto:help@driving.org) to ensure your details are up-to-date.

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