

Abbreviations and Definitions

Abandon	The term used when a test cannot be completed because the NT considers it unsafe to continue or because it is apparent during the test that certain items cannot be satisfactorily inspected. An appropriate fee may be charged for the test.
Abort	The term used when a test cannot be completed because of a problem with the VTS's/DCs testing equipment or the NT. No fee may be charged for the test.
ACM	Account Management (ACM). This is the person given the responsibility of managing an MOT Account.
AE	Authorised Examiner - the organisation that operates and manages one or more VTSs and is responsible for controlling the quality of testing carried out. Except in the case of a 'sole trader' the AE is not a person but a legal entity (e.g. a company, partnership or a local authority).
AED	The AE Delegate is a Person appointed by the AE Designated Manager to act on their behalf on a temporary or permanent basis. Note: this does not devolve the ultimate responsibility held by the AE.
AEDM	The AE Designated Manager is the person who represents the AE and who has normally attended the MOT Management Course. Typically an AE Principal but in larger organisations may be a senior manager with responsibility for the totality of the entity's MOT testing operations.
AEP	AE Principal - Authorised Examiner Principal is a person who is legally responsible for the entity i.e. each partner in a partnership; each director, company secretary or each officer of the company in a company; or the sole trader in person.
Alerts	These are system-generated messages, of varying importance, which require attention.
As soon as practicable	Means as soon as is reasonably practicable.
ATL	Automated Test Lane These are lanes authorised by VOSA for use in the automated mode.
Catch Up	The process where test data recorded while testing under Emergency Testing is subsequently entered via the VTS Device.
Catalogue	The list of goods or services, including forms, available to order.
Cessation	The process by which an authorisation, approval or designation is brought to an end. Cessation is used in place of the previous terms for termination/surrender or withdrawal of an Authorisation/Designation or disqualification of an NT/Inspector.
DC	Designated Council. Local Authorities authorised to carry out MOT tests.
DGW	Design Gross Weight - i.e. the maximum gross weight at which the vehicle was designed to operate. This is normally found on a plate fixed to the vehicle by the manufacturer or in the case of older or heavier vehicles by a 'Ministry Plate'. Such plates are not required on all vehicles.