FAQs for Alternative Safe Pass Renewal Test

1. When will the Safe Pass Renewal Test become available?

   Answer: From the end of January 2023

2. Who can apply for the Safe Pass Renewal Test?

   Answer: If you are a current ***Safe Pass card holder*** or your card has already expired you can renew your card by sitting a computer-based test in an approved Pearson Vue exam centre.

3. How do I apply?

   Answer: First you need to register for your SOLAS online account, to do this you will need your PPSN, Date of Birth and Family Name (Surname) and an active email address. This email address will become your username for logging into your account.

4. When can I register for a SOLAS online account?

   Answer: You will be able to register from the end of January 2023 on www.constructioncourses.ie or through the SOLAS website www.solas.ie

   You will be able to book tests straight away once you have activated your account

5. What is the cost of the Safepass Renewal Test?

   Answer: The test costs €93.84 which includes the fee for your Safe Pass Card

6. How do I make payment?

   Answer: Payment can be made using debit/credit card or voucher when making your online booking.

7. Can my employer pay for the renewal of my Safe Pass card?

   Answer: Yes. Employers will be able to purchase vouchers for their employees through the Pearson Vue Voucher Store. A link to the store will be available on www.constructioncourses.ie or www.solas.ie Employers can email the voucher to their employees who can use the voucher when booking their test.

8. Where is the Pearson Vue exam centres located?

   Answer: There are currently 30 exam centres throughout the Republic of Ireland. You will see a full list of these centres through your SOLAS online account. The centre closest to your address will automatically show when you are booking. You will also be able to search for centres by Location

   You cannot book a test directly with an exam centre. Bookings can only be made through your online account

9. How long is the test?

   Answer: The test is 45 minutes long and consists of 50 multiple choice questions. You must answer 45 questions correctly to pass the test.

10. Will I receive any revision material for the test?

    Answer: Yes. When you log into your SOLAS account you will have access to links into:

    - The Official Questions and Answers Booklet
    - Legislation
    - Toolbox Talks
    - Safety Videos

    You are strongly advised to take the time to read/study the questions and revision material to give you the best chance of passing the test.

11. If I pass my test how will I get my new Safe Pass Card

    Answer: Your card will be sent to the address you provide at the test centre. Your photo will be taken at the test centre and this is the photo that will appear on your new card.

12. What happens if I fail the test?

Answer: If you fail the test you will be able to re-sit by logging into your SOLAS online account and booking a new test. The cost to re-sit a test is €29.84. You can re-sit the test as many times as you need to.

If you don't want to resit the renewal test again, you can choose to do the tutor led programme instead to renew your card. In this instance you can apply for a refund of your card and associated processing fee of €64 through your SOLAS online account.

13. What do I do if I don't have a Safe Pass Card.

Answer: You will need to sit the existing one day Tutor led programme. To find a list of scheduled courses go to www.constructioncourses.ie

14. What do I do if I have lost my Safe Pass Card

Answer: If your card is still in date and you want to apply for a replacement you can do so online here Safe Pass Card Replacement Online Application .

If your card has expired and you want to renew it, you can register for a SOLAS online account and book the new Safe Pass Renewal test or attend a tutor led programme to renew your card.