

From the end of January 2023 a new alternative option to renew your Safe Pass Card will be available to all Safe Pass Cardholders. You will be able to renew your card by sitting a computer based test in an approved Pearson VUE exam centre. The test consists of 50 multiple choice questions, and you must score 45/50 to pass. You will have 45 minutes to complete the test.

A download containing all 500 questions will be available to purchase through your SOLAS online account. The cost of the booklet will be €12.99. ***To give yourself the best chance of passing the test it is advisable that you spend time, before you book your test, going through the questions and looking at the revision material.***

On successful completion of the test, your new Safe Pass card will be sent to the address you provide at the test centre.

You can continue to renew your card by sitting the existing tutor led programme delivered by our SOLAS approved Safe Pass Tutors. To search for a tutor led programme click [here](#)

### **Important Note:**

If you have not completed Safe Pass before you must attend the existing one day Tutor Led Programme

## FAQs for new Alternative Safe Pass Renewal Test

1. When will the new Safe Pass Renewal Test become available to Safe Pass card holders?

**Answer:** From the end of January 2023

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

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

If your card has expired you can still renew your card by completing a Safe Pass Renewal Test

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

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

4. How do I make payment?

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

5. 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](http://www.constructioncourses.ie) or [www.solas.ie](http://www.solas.ie) Employers can email the voucher to their employees who can use the voucher when booking their test.

6. 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

#### **Location of Centres – Current list 16/01/2023**

This is the current list of Pearson VUE exam centres. This list is subject to change on an ongoing basis. Capacity will be increased based on demand.

Opening hours may vary across test centres but tests will be available evenings and Saturdays

<b>Test Centre Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Cork Education & Training Board	Bishopstown
Island Computers & Training	Co Kerry
FAS Athlone	Co Westmeath
Island Computers & Training (M)	Co. Cork
Cenit College	Co. Kildare
Pitman Training Laois	Co. Laois
Pitman Training Cork	Cork
Greenhills College	Dublin
The Exam Centre	Dublin
The Exam Centre City Centre	Dublin
The Exam Centre Dublin North	Dublin
GRETB Training Centre	Galway
ICE Group	Galway
PFH Technology Group Ltd (Galway)	Galway

Pitman Training	Kerry
Engineering Documentation Ltd.	Sligo
Kerry ETB Training Centre	Tralee
Pitman Training Waterford	Waterford
WWETB Waterford Training Centre	Waterford
Great National	Ballina
McWilliam Park Hotel	Ballina
Clayton Hotel	Sligo
Cavan Crystal Hotel	Cavan
Slieve Russell Hotel	Cavan
Kilmore Hotel	Cavan
Four Season Hotel	Monaghan
The Glencarn Hotel	Monaghan
Maldron Hotel	Portlaoise
Midlands Park Hotel	Portlaoise
Killeshin Hotel	Portlaoise

7. 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.

8. 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:

- Legislation
- Toolbox Talks
- Safety Videos

You will also have access to purchase the official 500 questions that make up the test. The questions will be available as a download and the cost will be €12.99.

You are advised to spend time going through the revision material and the questions to give you the best chance of passing the test.

9. 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 fail the test and do not wish to re-sit it you can apply for a refund of the Card and associated processing fee through the Refund option on your SOLAS online

account. You can choose to attend the existing tutor led programme to renew your card.

10. 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.

11. 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](http://www.constructioncourses.ie) or through the SOLAS website [www.solas.ie](http://www.solas.ie)

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

12. 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](http://www.constructioncourses.ie)

13. 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.