

57515 Test Purchases for Underage Sales

The information provided below relates to data held for test purchase activity for the financial year 2024/25. As individual premises will effectively stock/ sell multiple products i.e. vapes, tobacco and alcohol, the information below relates to the total test purchase data for 2024/25 and includes the three premises types specified.

It should be noted that Edinburgh Trading Standards do not undertake test purchases of alcohol products as this is a matter enforced by Police Scotland.

All failures (where a sale was made) related to the sale of a nicotine vapour product.

Two attempts were made to test purchase a tobacco product and no sale was made on either occasion.

I am requesting all of this information for the Financial Year 2024/25.

How many individual test purchases for underage sales were conducted on vape shops, off licences, and cigarette sellers?

A total of 99 individual test purchases were attempted from premises that fall under one or more of the premises types above.

How many premises of vape shops, off licences, and cigarette sellers have been visited for an underage sale test purchase?

A total of 116 premises were visited with the intention of conducting a test purchase exercise.

Of the test purchases conducted, how many vape shops, off licences, and cigarette sellers passed?

57 premises visited refused to sell to our volunteers and so would be considered to have passed the exercise.

Of the test purchases conducted, how many vape shops, off licences, and cigarette sellers failed?

42 premises visited did make a sale to our volunteers and so would be considered to have failed the exercise.