

## **lifeline for road users who fail online test 3 times**

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LEARNER drivers who fail their online driving test three times will be allowed to sit for a written test at Road Transport Department offices in the country.

Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Kaprawi said the government wants to help those who are not computer literate, especially people from rural areas and senior citizens.

"Those who fail their computerised driving test more than three times can sit for a written test in the RTD offices. RTD also has a community outreach programme 'Satu Komuniti Satu JPI' where written tests for selected groups will be hosted," he said.

Those aged 45 and above in Peninsular Malaysia and 40 and above in Sabah and Sarawak will be eligible for this, he added. Senator Ramli Shariffhad asked whether the 1.2 million unlicensed motorcyclists in the country did not have their documents because they were illiterate, ignorant or just not bothered.

Abdul Aziz said unfortunately most of them were indeed lackadaisical about getting their licence. "Based on RTD's findings, our high accident rates are also caused by those who do not have licences. Our road accident fatality rate is alarming at 6,000 deaths a year since 2007," he said.