



DRIVING LICENCE UK



Did you know?

- Over 2 million drivers have an out-of-date driving licence.
- Driving without a current, valid licence can result in a fine up to £1,000 and 3-6 penalty points.
- Failure to produce driving documents to the police is an offence resulting in a fine up to £5,000 and 8 penalty points.



Drivers are legally required to ensure they have a correct, current, and valid driving licence before driving any vehicle.



Drivers must inform DVLA of changes to their name, gender, and address on their driving licence.



Drivers must renew a photocard licence with DVLA every 10 years.



Drivers must report a lost or stolen driving licence to the police and apply to DVLA for a replacement.

Best practice tips:

- Always keep your driving licence safe.
- Know your driving licence number.
- Know your licence renewal date.
- Keep the photograph on your licence up to date.
- Inform DVLA of any changes to your driving licence.
- Know what endorsements and penalty points are on your driving licence.
- Wherever possible, carry your driving licence when driving.



The driving licence is an official document that grants a driver the right to operate a vehicle. The Road Traffic Act 1988 states it is an offence for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a road without a licence authorising them to drive a motor vehicle of that class.

If a police officer asks a driver to produce their driving licence, they must do so however it is not a legal requirement for drivers to carry their driving licence while driving. Drivers will be given 7 days to produce their licence at a police station.

Driving licences are normally valid until 70 years of age unless restricted for medical reasons.

The Queen is the only person in Britain who does not need a driving licence to drive on a road.

