

# Application for a driving licence counterpart for non-GB licence holders

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Please read the important notes over the page before filling in this form.

Please use **CAPITAL LETTERS** and fill this form in black ink. Please put ☒ against all that apply:

This form only applies to European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA) licence holders. Licence holders from Great Britain (GB) should use form 'Application for a driving licence' (D1) to apply for a photocard driving licence.

Do you have a licence to drive:

- buses – with 9 or more passenger seats or
- lorries – weighing more than 3.5 tonnes?
- are you a holder of a Northern Ireland (NI) driving licence? See note A.
- was your licence issued by a European country? See note D.
- are you currently resident in the United Kingdom (UK)?
- do you wish to sit a test in the UK?

If you can answer **Yes** to one or more of these questions – please read on.

## 1 What are you applying for? (See note B)

First application to register your licence ☒

Removing out of date endorsements ☒

To replace my licence counterpart as it has been:

lost ☐ stolen ☐ defaced ☐ destroyed ☐

Add the following provisional entitlement to drive:  
(See note I for vehicle category descriptions)

- Motorcycles – category A ☒
- Car – category B ☒
- Car with trailer – category B + E ☒
- Road rollers, tracked vehicles – category g, h ☒
- Large vehicles – category C ☒
- Medium-sized vehicles – category C1 ☒
- Large vehicles with trailers – category C + E ☒
- Medium-sized vehicles with trailers – category C1 + E ☒
- Buses – category D ☒
- Minibuses – category D1 ☒
- Buses with trailers – category D + E ☒
- Minibuses with trailers – category D1 + E ☒

When applying for provisional bus/lorry entitlement you also need to submit a Medical Examination Report (D4).

## 2 Convictions (See note F)

### Your conduct

If you are applying for lorry entitlement, you should give details of findings of guilt, fixed penalties and cautions relating to drivers' hours or records, roadworthiness or loading vehicles. If you are applying for minibus or bus entitlement, you should also tell us about any findings of guilt, fixed penalties and cautions for offences not relating to driving. Please also tell us about any driving offences committed by you.

Date of offence	Court	Offence	Sentence or fine

Use a separate sheet if you need to and attach it to this form.

## 3 Your details

Title: Mr ☒ Mrs ☒ Miss ☒ Ms ☐ Other (for example, Dr)

Surname:

First names:

Date of birth: DD MM YYYY

Full current address

House No.

Postcode:

Address on any previous counterparts:

Country you were born in:

What date did you come to live in the UK? DD MM YYYY

If possible, please provide a daytime phone number and/or email address where we can contact you if there is a problem with your application.

Full phone/mobile number:

Email address:

Please enclose your current EU/EEA licence.  
It will be returned to you.

Country of issue:

Licence number:

## 4 Your signature

You must fill in this section.

Signature:

Date:

DD MM YYYY

# Important notes

## A Northern Ireland licence holders only

As a result of a change in legislation, from April 2009 Northern Ireland licence holders no longer have to apply for a GB counterpart to take advantage of the fixed penalty system.

## B Registering your licence

The law requires all those who live in GB who drive buses – from 9 passenger seats – and vehicles weighing more than 3.5 tonnes – to be registered with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

You are required by law to do this within 12 months of you taking up residence.

Drivers who exchange their licence in GB are automatically registered.

If your licence is lost or stolen, you would probably not be able to get a duplicate of your licence from the country it was issued in. However you will be able to apply for a GB licence from DVLA.

**Note:** As a result of a change in legislation from April 2009, European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) licence holders will no longer be required to possess a GB counterpart to take advantage of the fixed penalty system.

### How to register

Please fill in this form and send it, together with all parts of your national driving licence, to DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1BH. If you are an EU/EEA licence holder you will be issued with a GB counterpart licence document.

## C Driving licence rules in GB

As the holder of a licence issued by another EU member state or one issued in Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway (see note D), provided your licence remains valid, you can drive in GB until age 70 or for three years after becoming resident whichever is the longer period. Expired licences are acceptable to exchange for a GB licence.

The rules for holding a GB driving licence are almost certainly different from those in the country in which your licence was issued. The rules in GB for medical, driving conduct, road safety and driving licence renewal are those which you must observe if you live here.

### Bus/Lorry drivers

When you are 45 years old and over, you will have to renew your licence every five years – 65 year olds have to renew annually – subject to passing a medical examination by your doctor. Once your EU/EEA licence expires or you reach the above age limits you must apply to DVLA for a GB licence.

**Note:** If you pass a driving test in GB you will be issued with a licence valid for a maximum of five years. Drivers under 45 must fill in the medical questions on the D2 application form or the renewal reminder form. Drivers over 45 will also need to supply a D4 medical examination report at each renewal and fill in the medical questions.

## D Relevant countries

You can register with us if your EU licence was obtained by exchanging a licence from one of the countries listed below. If your EU licence was obtained by exchanging from a country not listed below you will not be able to register. However, you will still be able to drive in the UK on your licence for up to a year, after which time you will have to apply for a GB licence.

### These are the relevant countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Cyprus, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

## E Medical conditions

If you have ever had or presently suffer from any of the following conditions you must write to the Drivers Medical Group, DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1TU or phone **0300 790 6806** with the nature of your condition, as it may affect your fitness to drive.

- Diabetes controlled by **insulin**
- Diabetes controlled by **tablets**
- Epilepsy
- **Any conditions** affecting **either** eye  
**Not including colour blindness or short or long sight**
- **Any condition** affecting your visual field or acuity (Apart from wearing glasses or corrective lenses)
- **Total** loss of sight in one eye
- **Any form** of stroke including TIA
- Fits or blackouts
- **Any type** of brain surgery, severe head injury involving **in-patient** treatment, or brain tumour
- Angina, other heart condition or heart operation
- An implanted cardiac pacemaker
- An implanted cardiac defibrillator (ICD)
- **Repeated** attacks of sudden disabling giddiness
- Any other **chronic** neurological condition including Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neurone and Huntington's Disease
- A **serious** problem with memory or periods of confusion
- Persistent alcohol misuse or dependency
- Persistent drug misuse or dependency
- **Serious** psychiatric illness or mental ill health
- Parkinson's disease
- Narcolepsy
- Sleep apnoea syndrome
- **Any** persisting limb problem which needs driving to be restricted to certain types of vehicle or those with adapted controls
- **Severe** learning disability

YOU MUST TELL US IMMEDIATELY ABOUT A RELEVANT CONDITION OR A CONDITION GETTING WORSE, YOU COULD HAVE TO PAY A FINE OF UP TO £1000 IF YOU DO NOT.

## F Your conduct – Large goods and passenger carrying vehicles

In all cases of questionable conduct the Traffic Commissioner for the area in which you live will decide whether to grant your entitlement to drive large goods or passenger carrying vehicles.

### Driving conduct

You must tell us if you have any convictions for breaking the rules about:

- drivers' hours
- the roadworthiness of vehicles
- drivers' records
- overloading of vehicles

Do not tell us about any convictions if they were more than four years ago.

All endorsements on your licence will be taken into account when it is decided whether to give you entitlement to drive in GB. We will not give you entitlement to drive if you are disqualified from driving.

### Conduct not related to driving

#### Passenger carrying vehicle (PCV) drivers only

If you drive a minibus and/or bus, you must let us know about **any** court convictions you have had – **even if they are not to do with driving**, unless they have run out under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

## G

## Data protection

Information contained in this form and the driving licence record to which it relates may be passed to third party organisations where there is a legal power to do so. Purposes for disclosure include checking your application, prevention and detection of crime, and research. Individuals may consent to the release of driver data to third parties for driving entitlement purposes.

## H

## Where to send your application

Please send your application with your EU/EEA driving licence (and documentary evidence if required) to DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1BH.














If you have any questions about these arrangements, you can contact us in any of the following ways:





- Phone **0300 790 6801** between 8am and 7pm Monday to Friday, or between 8am and 2pm on Saturdays.
- If you are deaf or hard of hearing and have a textphone, phone **0300 123 1278**.

## I

## Vehicle category descriptions

All weights refer to Maximum Authorised Mass (MAM) unless stated otherwise.

Category			Minimum age	Notes
AM		<b>Moped</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-wheel vehicles or three-wheel vehicles with a maximum design speed is over 25km/h and not more than 45km/h.</li> </ul> <b>Light quadricycle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With an unladen mass of not more than 350kg, not including the mass of the batteries in case of electric vehicles, whose maximum design speed is over 25km/h and not more than 45km/h.</li> </ul>	16	
A1		<b>Motorcycles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motorcycle with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc, of a power not exceeding 11kW and with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.1kW per kg.</li> <li>• A motor tricycle with power not exceeding 15kW.</li> </ul>	17	
A2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motorcycle of a power not exceeding 35kW, with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW per kg and not being derived from a vehicle of more than double its power.</li> </ul>	19	
A		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motorcycle of a power exceeding 35kW or with a power to weight ratio exceeding 0.2kW per kg.</li> <li>• A power not exceeding 35kW with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW per kg and derived from a vehicle of more than double its power.</li> <li>• A motor tricycle with a power exceeding 15kW.</li> </ul>	24	See note 1
B1		<b>4 wheeled light vehicles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor vehicles with four wheels up to 550kg unladen and invalid carriages.</li> </ul>	17	
B		<b>Cars</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor vehicles with a MAM not exceeding 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg.</li> <li>• Motor vehicles with a MAM not exceeding 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg, where the combination MAM is not exceeding 3500kg.</li> </ul>	17	See note 2
C1		<b>Medium sized vehicles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicles between 3500kg and 7500kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg.</li> </ul>	18	See note 3 and note 6
C		<b>Large goods vehicles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer up to 750kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver.</li> </ul>	21	See note 4
D1		<b>Minibuses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicles with no more than 16 passenger seats in addition to the driver and with a maximum length not exceeding eight metres with a trailer up to 750kg.</li> </ul>	21	See note 5 and note 6
D		<b>Buses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any bus designed and constructed for the carriage of more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, with a trailer up to 750kg.</li> </ul>	24	See note 5
BE		<b>Small vehicles and trailers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combinations of vehicles consisting of a vehicle in category B and a trailer, where the combination does not come within category B, and the MAM of the trailer or semi-trailer does not exceed 3500kg.</li> </ul>	17	
C1E		<b>Medium sized vehicles with trailers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicles between 3500kg and 7500kg with a trailer over 750kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg – combined weight not more than 12000kg.</li> </ul>	21	See note 3, 4 and note 6
CE		<b>Large goods vehicles with trailers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicles over 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg.</li> </ul>	21	See note 4

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D1E		<b>Minibuses with trailers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicles with no more than 16 passenger seats in addition to the driver and with a maximum length not exceeding 8 metres with a trailer over 750kg, provided that the MAM of the combination formed does not exceed 12000kg.</li> </ul>	21	See note 5 and note 6
DE		<b>Buses with trailers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any bus designed and constructed for the carriage of more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, with a trailer over 750kg.</li> </ul>	24	See note 5
p		<b>Moped</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor vehicles with fewer than four wheels with a maximum design speed exceeding 45km/h but not exceeding 50km/h and which, if propelled by an internal combustion engine, has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50cc.</li> </ul>	16	See note 7
q		<b>Moped</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor vehicles with fewer than four wheels which if propelled by an internal combustion engine, has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50cc and, if not equipped with pedals by means of which the vehicle is capable of being propelled, has a maximum design speed not exceeding 25km/h.</li> </ul>	16	See note 7
f		<b>Agricultural tractors</b>	17	See note 8
g		<b>Roadrollers</b>	21	See note 9
h		<b>Tracked vehicles</b>	21	See note 4 & 10
k		<b>Mowing machines or vehicles controlled by someone on foot</b>	16	

#### Note 1

Age 24 or 2 years from date of Standard A2 test pass.

Tricycle restriction code 79 (tri).

#### Note 2

Age 16 if you are getting Disability Living Allowance (Mobility Allowance) at the higher rate.

#### Note 3

Age 18 if combination weight is under 7,500kg.

#### Note 4

You can drive at age 17 if you are a member of the armed services. You can drive at 18 if one of the following apply:

- you passed your driving test and Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC) initial qualification
- you are learning to drive or taking a driving test for this category or Driver CPC initial qualification
- you are taking a national vocational training course to get a Driver CPC initial qualification, or
- you had your driving licence before 10 September 2009, you must take the CPC periodic training within 5 years of this date.

#### Note 5

You can drive at age 17 if you are a member of the armed forces.

You can drive these vehicles at age 18 if one of the following apply:

- You are learning to drive or taking a PCV test or Driver CPC initial qualification
- Having passed a PCV driving test and Driver CPC initial qualification, you can drive if:
  - driving on a regular service where the route doesn't exceed 50km
  - not engaged in the carriage of passengers, and
  - driving a vehicle of a class included in sub-category D1.
- Having passed a PCV test before 10 September 2008 and driving under a bus operator's licence, or minibus permit, or community bus permit and any of the following conditions:
  - driving on a regular service where the route doesn't exceed 50km
  - not engaged in the carriage of passengers, and
  - driving a vehicle of a class included in sub-category D1.

You can drive at age 20 after passing a PCV driving test and Driver CPC initial qualification.

For further advice you can contact the Driving Standards Agency by phoning 0300 200 1122.

Age 21 for categories D and DE if:

- the vehicle is being used by the fire service or for maintaining public order
- undergoing road tests for repair or maintenance purposes, or
- if you were entitled to drive the vehicle before 19 January 2013.

#### Note 6

If you passed your test for category B or B automatic before 1 January 1997 your licence will already show entitlement to C1, C1E (8.25 tonnes), D1 and D1E (not for hire or reward).

#### Note 7

National category only.

#### Note 8

At 16 you can drive tractors less than 2.45m wide. It must only pull trailers less than 2.45m wide with two wheels, or four wheels that are close-coupled.

#### Note 9

At 17 you can drive small roadrollers with metal or hard rollers. They must not be steam powered, weigh more than 11.69 tonnes or be made for carrying loads.

#### Note 10

You can drive at 17 if the MAM of the tracked vehicle is not more than 3500kg.