

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 Northern Ireland (NI) and European Community/European Economic Area (EC/EEA) licence holders.**  
**GB licence holders should use form 'Application for a driving licence' (D1) to apply for a driving licence counterpart.**

**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 NI driving licence? See note A.
- was your licence issued by a European country? See note D.
- are you currently resident 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- Removing out of date endorsements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
- Category g, h
- Category C
- Category C1
- Category C + E
- Category C1 + E
- Category D
- Category D1
- Category D + E
- Category D1 + E

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

2 Convictions in Great Britain (See note F)

Holders of Category C, C1, C + E or C1 + E entitlement:

- Have you any convictions for driving offences relating to driver's hours or records, road-worthiness or loading of vehicles No    Yes

Holders of Category D, D1, D + E or D1 + E entitlement:

- Have you any convictions for non-driving offences No    Yes

**If you have answered yes to any of these questions please give full details of the offence(s), date of conviction, court, sentence and/or fine.**

Date of conviction	Court	Offence	Sentence or fine

NOTE: Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

3 Your details

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

Surname:

First names:

Date of birth:

**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? (Does not apply to Northern Ireland licence holders)

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 Northern Ireland or European Community/European Economic Area licence. It will be returned to you.**

Country of issue

Licence number

4 Your signature

**You must fill in this section.**

Signature

Date

# 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 Britain 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).

Drivers who exchange their licence in Britain are automatically registered.

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

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 Community (EC) 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 EC/EEA or Northern Ireland 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 for exchange.

The rules for holding a driving licence are almost certainly different from those in the country in which your licence was issued. The rules in Great Britain 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 EC/EEA licence expires or you reach the above age limits you must apply to DVLA for a UK licence.

## D Relevant countries

If your EU licence is one which you obtained on exchanging a licence issued in a country not listed below, you should not register. Such a licence entitles you to drive in Britain for one year only. If you wish to drive in Britain after that you must get a British licence, either by exchanging your non – GB licence (where appropriate) or by passing a driving test.

### 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 0870 600 0301 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 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 Huntingdon'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
- Sleep apnoea syndrome
- Narcolepsy
- **Any condition** affecting your visual field
- **Total** loss of sight in one eye
- **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

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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:

- driver's hours
- the roadworthiness of vehicles
- driver's 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.

### Non-Driving conduct

#### Passenger carrying vehicle 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

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**Information contained on this form and the driving licence record to which it relates may be passed to other Government Organisations and law enforcement agencies. This would be for the purpose of checking your application and for the prevention and detection of crime.**

## H Where to send your application

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

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please contact the:

Customer Enquiries Group, DVLA between 8.00am to 8.30pm Monday to Friday, and 8.00am to 5.30pm on Saturday. Phone: 0870 240 0009

# I Vehicle category descriptions

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

Category	Description	Minimum age	Notes
A1	 <b>Motorcycles</b> Light motorcycles with an engine size of no more than 125cc and a power output of no more than 11kW (14.6bhp)	17	
A	Motorcycles with a power output up to 25kW (33bhp) and a power to weight ratio of no more than 0.16kW / kg. Motorcycle combination (motorcycle with a sidecar) with a power to weight ratio of no more than 0.16kW for every kg of weight	17	
A	Any size motorcycle, with or without a sidecar	21	See note 1
B1	 <b>Three or four-wheeled light vehicles</b> Motor tricycles, quadricycles and three or four-wheeled vehicles with an unladen weight of no more than 550kg	17	See note 2
B	 <b>Cars</b> Cars with a maximum authorised mass of no more than 3500kg, having no more than eight passenger seats, towing a trailer up to 750kg. A car and a trailer, where the total maximum authorised mass of both is not more than 3500kg and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen weight of the car A car with an unladen weight of 1.25 tonnes and a maximum authorised mass of 2 tonnes towing a trailer with a maximum authorised mass of 1.25 tonnes could be driven under category B entitlement as the maximum authorised mass of both is not more than 3.5 tonnes and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen weight of the car	17	See note 2
B auto	<b>Automatic cars</b> As cars, but with automatic gearbox	17	See note 2
B+E	 <b>Cars with trailers</b> Combinations of a car in category B and a trailer over 750kg	17	See note 9
C1	 <b>Medium-sized vehicles</b> Lorries between 3500kg and 7500kg with a trailer up to 750kg	18	See notes 3 and 9
C1+E	 <b>Medium-sized vehicles with trailers</b> Combinations of vehicles where the towing vehicle is in category C1 and its trailer has a maximum authorised mass of over 750kg as long as the maximum authorised mass of the vehicle and trailer is not more than 12000kg and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen weight of the towing vehicle	21	See notes 3, 4 and 9
C	 <b>Large vehicles</b> Vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer up to 750kg	21	See note 4
C+E	 <b>Large vehicles with trailers</b> Vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer over 750kg	21	See note 4
D1	 <b>Minibuses</b> Vehicles with between nine and 16 passenger seats with a trailer up to 750kg	21	See notes 5 and 9
D1+E	 <b>Minibuses with trailers</b> Combinations of vehicles where the towing vehicle is in category D1 and its trailer has a maximum authorised mass of over 750kg, as long as the maximum authorised mass of the vehicle and trailer is not more than 12000kg, and the maximum authorised mass of the trailer is not more than the unladen mass of the towing vehicle	21	See notes 5 and 9
D	 <b>Buses</b> Any bus with more than eight passenger seats with a trailer up to 750kg	21	See notes 5 and 8
D+E	 <b>Buses with trailers</b> Any bus with more than eight passenger seats with a trailer over 750kg	21	See note 8
f	Agricultural tractors	17	See note 6
g	Roadrollers	21	See note 7
h	Tracked vehicles	21	See notes 4 and 10
k	Mowing machines or vehicles controlled by someone on foot	16	
l	Electric vehicles	17	
n	Vehicles used for short distances on public roads		
p	Mopeds	16	

**Note 1** You must be 21 or over or have passed a standard A test at least two years ago.

**Note 2** At age 16 you can get a licence if you receive the higher-rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance. However, if you stop getting the higher-rate, the normal minimum age for driving a car (17) applies.

**Note 3** You can drive at 18 if the combined weight of the vehicle and trailer is under 7500kg. If the combined weight is over 7500kg, you must be 21 or over.

**Note 4** You can drive at 17 if you are a member of the armed forces. You can drive at 18 if you are a member of the young drivers' scheme.

**Note 5** You can drive at 17 if member of armed forces.

You can drive at 18:

(i) while learning to drive or taking your passenger carrying vehicle (PCV) test or Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) Initial Qualification or

(ii) After passing a PCV test and CPC Initial Qualification when:

- Driving on a regular service where the route does not exceed 50km, or
- Not engaged in the carriage of passengers, or
- While undergoing a national vocational training course to obtain a CPC Initial Qualification; or

- (iii) If the PCV licence was obtained before 10 September 2008, when:
- Driving on a regular service where the route does not exceed 50km, or
  - Not engaged in the carriage of passengers, or
  - Driving a vehicle of a class included in sub-category D1, and
  - Driving under a bus operator's licence, minibus permit or community bus permit.

For further advice you will need to contact the Driving Standards Agency on 0300 200 1122 or you can e-mail [driverpcp@dsa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:driverpcp@dsa.gsi.gov.uk)

**Note 6** 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 7** 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 8** You need category D entitlement to drive an articulated bus (for example, a 'bendibus'). You can get more details from us.

**Note 9** If you passed your test for category B or B automatic before 1 January 1997 your licence will already show C1, C1E (8.25 tonnes), D1, D1E (not for hire or reward) as entitlement.

**Note 10** You can drive at 17 if the maximum authorised mass of the tracked vehicle is not more than 3500kg.