

HOW DO I SWAP MY LICENCE for a UK or EU LICENCE?

If you're going to stay in the UK, or within Europe, you will need to apply for a photocard driving licence sooner or later.

You'll need to provide identification and a photograph to prove your identity using:

- full valid current passport
- identity card
- driving licence
- birth certificate
- National Insurance number
- Home Office travel document (if appropriate)

Your photograph must be:

- colour passport style and size (size of image 45mm x 35mm)
- taken recently and clearly of you, showing your full face, with no hat, helmet or sunglasses – but normal glasses are OK
- taken against a plain, and evenly lit background

If you don't have a European passport our photo must be certified - signed on the reverse by one of these people – but they must have known you for 2 years and can't be a relative:

- a local business person or shopkeeper
- a librarian
- a professionally qualified person, for example, a lawyer, teacher or engineer
- a police officer
- a bank or building society officer
- a civil servant
- a minister of religion
- a magistrate
- a local councillor, an MP, AM, MEP or MSP

The person who signs the back of your photo must also fill in section 7 of your D1 application form.

If you have only become resident within the last 2 years and have nobody to sign your photo, you can take it with all the documents to your nearest Post Office or DVLA local office. The staff there will help you.