

LEARNING to DRIVE in the UK.

APPLYING for a PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE:

Before you can learn to drive a car, moped or motorcycle you must apply for a provisional driving licence.

If you already hold a valid full driving licence and want to learn to drive larger vehicles, minibuses or buses you will need to apply for provisional entitlement for these vehicles.

APPLY ONLINE:

You can apply for your first provisional driving licence for a car, moped or motorcycle using the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's (DVLA) secure and easy to use online service.

Go to www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/Motoringtransactions/DG_10032690 to do this!

APPLY in PERSON or by POST:

You can apply for your provisional driving licence by completing the D1 application form that is available from the DVLA form ordering service or Post Office® branches. You will also need to enclose original documentation confirming your identity, a passport style colour photograph and the fee of £50.00. Send your completed application and payment to DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1AD or you may be able to use the premium checking service.

The DVLA forms ordering service is online at http://forms.dvla.gov.uk/forms/ordering_forms_dg.htm

You can find out about ID documents and photographs at

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/NeedANewOrUpdatedLicence/DG_4022091

If you want to use the Premium Checking Service (this will cost money!) then go to

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/NeedANewOrUpdatedLicence/DG_10028503

The DVLA aim to deliver your driving licence to you within three weeks of receiving your application. It might take longer if we have to check on your health or personal details. You will need to wait for your new licence to arrive before driving. Please allow at least three weeks for your licence to arrive before contacting the DVLA.

APPLYING for PROVISIONAL ENTITLEMENT for LARGER VEHICLES, MINIBUSES and BUSES:

If you currently hold a valid full paper licence and want to add provisional entitlement to drive larger vehicles, minibuses and buses you must complete the application form D2 and the medical report form D4. These are available from the DVLA form ordering service. The D4 has to be completed by a doctor and you should ensure that all the relevant questions are completed.

It is also necessary to return original documentation confirming your identity, a passport style colour photograph and your current paper driving licence. There is no fee required for the application. The address to send this information is DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1BR or you may be able to use the premium checking service.

If you want to use the DVLA form-ordering service then go to

http://forms.dvla.gov.uk/forms/ordering_forms_dg.htm

You can find out about ID documents and photographs at

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/NeedANewOrUpdatedLicence/DG_4022091

If you want to use the Premium Checking Service (which will cost money!) go to

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/NeedANewOrUpdatedLicence/DG_10028503

If you hold a valid full photo-card driving licence and want to apply for a provisional driving licence to drive larger vehicles, minibuses and buses all that is needed is the completion of the application form D2 and the medical report form D4. You must also enclose your photo-card driving licence (with the D740 paper counterpart) to the DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1BR.

The DVLA aims to deliver your driving licence to you within three weeks of receiving your application. It might take longer if we have to check on your health or personal details. You will need to wait for your new licence to arrive before driving. Please allow at least three weeks for your licence to arrive before contacting the DVLA.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Information on what vehicles you can drive and how old you must be to drive them can be found at

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/WhatCanYouDriveAndYourObligations/DG_4022547

You must tell the DVLA if you have ever had, or currently suffer from, a medical condition that may affect your driving. The rules are at

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/MedicalRulesForDrivers/index.htm

You must tell the DVLA if you have convictions for breaking rules about your driving conduct and any other convictions not relating to driving. The rules for driving larger vehicles, minibuses and buses are at:

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/WhatCanYouDriveAndYourObligations/DG_4022549

REPUTABLE DRIVING SCHOOLS:

- The BSM is the British School of Motoring (owned by the RAC) and its website is www.bsm.co.uk
- The Learners UK website is at www.learnersuk.co.uk
- www.guaranteedtopass.co.uk
- www.theaa.com/driving-school/index.html is owned by the AA (Automobile Association)