THE HIGHWAY CODE and the DRIVING STANDARDS AGENCY:

Some of the systems and signage in the UK will not be familiar to foreigners. For the sake of your safety and that of UK residents you should inform yourself.

The UK guide to safe use of its roads is called 'The Highway Code'. The relevant website is at www.highwaycode.gov.uk and you can buy a hard copy of the Highway Code there. However, most big newsagents like WH Smiths sell copies.

The Driving Standards Agency is the UK government agency responsible for driver training and driving tests. Its website is at www.dft.gov.uk/dsa

The government also has a website at www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/index.htm which has more advice on everything from buying vehicles to details of driving tests.