

# How to apply for your first UK driving licence online

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Today, it's possible to interact with a range of government services online. Applying for your first driving licence is one example of something that can be sorted out much more efficiently these days on the web, compared to offline.

This guide will talk you through all the steps to apply for a driving licence online, the documents you will need, and how to update your licence details once you have completed your application

- What you will need for your application:
- An identity document such as a valid UK passport
- Addresses where you have lived over the last 3 years
- A debit card to pay for your online application
- Your national insurance number

## Step 1: Applying for your first driving licence

Visit the [GOV.UK DVLA section](#)

You will see a list of vehicle and driver options. Click on **Driving Licences**.

Then click on **Apply for your first driving licence**. You will see the following page.

# Apply for your first provisional driving licence

Get your first provisional driving licence for a moped, motorbike or car from DVLA online.

This service is also available in [Welsh \(Cymraeg\)](#).

Apply using your Government Gateway ID. If you don't have one or need to re-register, you'll get an ID as part of your application.

If you've already got your provisional driving licence you don't need to apply again to drive a car.

**Start now** 

on driving licensing online

Click on **Start now** to kick off your application.

## Step 2: Registration

You will automatically be redirected to the DVLA homepage. To start your application, click on **Register**.

### Apply for a provisional licence

Register/Log on

▶ [Welsh version / Fersiwn Cymraeg](#)

#### During your transaction:

- Please don't use the buttons on your browser (e.g. 'back', 'forward', 'refresh' etc.), you should only use the buttons on the bottom of each page and you should click these only once.
- Please have all your documents to hand as the service will timeout when not in use.
- Please ensure the details you enter are your own. You cannot apply for a driving licence for someone else.

#### Existing User:

If you already have a Government Gateway User ID, or have forgotten either your User ID or password, select the 'Log on' link below to continue. Instructions will be provided on the next page if you need to reset your Government Gateway User ID or password.

▶ [Log on](#)


If you have forgotten your Government Gateway User ID and password please select the 'Re-register' link below.

▶ [Re-register](#)

#### New User:

If you are a new customer, please select the 'Register' link below.

▶ [Register](#)

Cancel 

Once you have read the terms and conditions of the security of your data click on **Next**.

## Step 3: Filling in your application

Here, a form is presented and you'll need to fill out a few details.

Make sure you type in all relevant information in the boxes and click on the drop down menus to complete the application. When you are happy and you have checked everything, click on **Next**.

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Your details

Please complete your personal details.

*Please note: \* indicates that an answer is required.*

#### Title \*

*If you have a title that does not appear in the list, select 'Other'.*

Mr	<input type="text"/>
Mrs	<input type="text"/>
Miss	<input type="text"/>
Ms	<input type="text"/>
Doctor	<input type="text"/>
Rev	<input type="text"/>
No Title	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

**title**  
*(s) \* first name, and any middle names.*

#### Surname \*

#### Gender \*

#### Date of birth \*

Day:  Month:  Year:

#### Country of birth \*

If all the details are correct please click 'Next'.

Do not click the previous/next button more than once.

To search for your address, type in your house name, number and postcode. DVLA will also ask you how long

you have lived at your current address.

## Search for your address

Please enter the address that you require on your new driving licence

Please note: \* indicates that an answer is required.

<b>House name or number</b> ▶ <b>Help?</b>
<input type="text"/>
<b>Postcode</b> * ▶ <b>Help?</b>
<input type="text"/>
<b>▶ Other ways to enter your address</b>

## Step 4: National Insurance and passport details

Once you have cleared this section you will need to fill in security details to confirm your identity.

When you have finished, click on **Next** and you will then be taken to the National Insurance section of your application.

Providing your National Insurance number will help to process your application more quickly. If you enter your National Insurance number, DVLA will attempt to verify and authenticate your identity with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). If DVLA are unable to verify your identity, it may result in you having to send them additional paper documentation, such as original identity documents, by post

<b>National Insurance number</b>
<input type="text"/>
<b>Re-type National Insurance number</b>
<input type="text"/>
<b>◀ Previous</b> <b>Cancel X</b>

Now you need to add your passport number. You'll find it at the back of your passport (on the same page as your picture).

## UK passport number

Please enter your UK passport number below. You will be giving your consent to access (HM Passport Office).

The information returned from HM Passport Office will be used to check your identity.

<b>Passport number</b>
<input type="text" value="1234567"/>
<b>Re-type passport number</b>
<input type="text" value="1234567"/>

If you do not wish to provide your UK passport number, or do not have a UK passport, p

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## Step 5: Photo identification

The last step to complete this part of the application is the photo and signature section.

The DVLA now only issue photo card licences. You can either send it to DVLA through a postal application or you can choose to allow DVLA to retrieve your passport photo and signature from Her Majesty's Passport Office.

Choose one of those two options.

As the DVLA now only issue photocard licences, you'll need a photograph for use on your driving licence. **To avoid the need for you to send us a photograph and completion form by post**, you can choose to allow us to attempt to retrieve your passport photo and signature from Her Majesty's Passport Office (HM Passport Office) for use on your driving licence. You will be notified at the end of this transaction if this has been possible.

Please note: \* indicates that an answer is required.

Please indicate below how you wish to proceed. \*

Attempt to retrieve my passport photo and signature for use on my driving licence. I declare the photo to be a true likeness.

Do not attempt to retrieve my passport photo and signature for use on my driving licence.

Please note, if you do not want to use your passport photo and signature you will have to send these to us by post. Instructions on how to do this will be given at the end of this transaction.

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Your application will require you to choose a password. This should be 8-12 characters and should contain letters and numbers.

## Step 6: Eligibility

To apply for a new driving licence, you need to live in the UK. Confirm your UK residency status by selecting **Yes or No** to the questions presented.

Are you eligible?

Residency and Disqualifications

You can only get a GB driving licence if you are normally resident in Great Britain. To be normally resident you must usually live in Great Britain for 185 days in each calendar year. Applicants who are not UK citizens or nationals of another EU or EEA country will not be considered normally resident if they:

- do not have leave to remain in the UK, or
- are in the country on a temporary basis without leave to remain either while awaiting a decision to stay in the UK or following a decision refusing such an application.

Please note: \* indicates that an answer is required.

Have you lived in another European Union or European Economic Area country other than the UK in the last 12 months? \*

Yes  No

Are you currently disqualified from driving in the UK (including Northern Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man) or any other country? \*

Yes  No

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Next, you will be asked a few questions about your ability to drive. This includes questions about your eyesight, as well as fitness to drive.

At the end of the section you need to complete a medical declaration. Add your personal email address to have the confirmation of your application sent to your inbox.

## Step 7: Declaration and application completion

When you are happy with everything, confirm your application **by clicking on the check box**. You can go back to your application by clicking on **Previous**.

Declaration

I understand that it is a criminal offence to make a false declaration or withhold material information in order to obtain a driving licence and that to do so can lead to prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000 or imprisonment for a period of up to two years or both.

Please note: \* indicates that an answer is required.

Please confirm this declaration by clicking in the box. \* [Help?](#)

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The application will cost £34 and you will need to have your credit or debit card to hand to pay for this. Once you have submitted this payment you need to finalise and confirm your application. You should get an email shortly afterwards from DVLA, confirming this.

Should you need to go back into and review your application you can go back to [the homepage](#) and clicking **Log on.**

## Useful links

### Driving schools

There are lots of driving schools around the UK including:

- [Britannia Driving School](#)
- [BSM](#)
- [Red Driving School](#)

[GOV.UK also has lots of resources](#) to help you learn to drive including a practice theory test.

We hope this guide has given you enough information to apply for your first driving licence online through GOV.UK. Best of luck!

### Next steps

[▶ How to pay council tax online](#)

[▶ How to complete online forms](#)

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