



## Advice and information for new Guernsey Residents Re-registering your vehicle in Guernsey and exchanging your driving licence



### Registering your vehicle

If you are bringing a vehicle with you into the Island, which has previously been registered in another jurisdiction, you can drive it for up to 14 days after your arrival. After this time, it must not be circulated locally and should be kept on private land until it is registered in Guernsey.

A one-off First Registration Duty will be applied to all 'new' and 'second-hand' vehicles being imported and registered in Guernsey for the first time. However, certain 'low emission' vehicles will be zero rated. The ['First Registration Duty – Public Advice Note'](#) details the charges that will be applied when registering the vehicle and provides information on exemptions and preferential rates that may apply.

To register your vehicle in Guernsey, you will require the current registration documentation for the vehicle from the country in which it is currently registered. (In the UK, this document is known as a 'V5' and in France a 'Certificat d'immatriculation'). If your vehicle is being imported from another country, we will be pleased to advise you on the documentation required. If you do not have the current registration document, a Certificate of Permanent Export from the vehicle's country of origin will suffice.

It is no longer necessary to obtain a vehicle weight certificate on arrival into the Island. However, we retain the right to require such a certificate in the event that the vehicle's weight is not contained on the registration document, or there is any doubt as to whether or not a vehicle is actually in the Island.

A Customs declaration will be required if the vehicle is imported from anywhere other than the UK, Jersey or Isle of Man.

When you register your vehicle you will be required to complete an ['Application to Register a Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle' form](#) and pay the aforementioned First Registration Duty based on vehicle emissions, plus a £46 first registration fee. Annual vehicle tax (road circulation fee) is not currently levied in Guernsey. At the time of going to print, there are no other taxes or charges currently levied in respect of the registration of vehicles.

### Your driving licence

If you are a new resident to the Island, who already holds a driving licence issued in another jurisdiction, you need to apply to exchange your driving licence for a Guernsey driving licence once you have moved permanently to the Island. You can drive on a full overseas licence upon arrival in Guernsey, but for a maximum period of one year only. We are able to exchange full driving licences issued by many countries for Guernsey driving licences. We may also accept a valid driving test pass certificate for exchange. We are unable to exchange provisional driving licences. A provisional driving licence is only valid to use in the jurisdiction in which it was issued.

Driving licences from countries not included on the following list cannot be exchanged for a Guernsey driving licence. In such cases, it will be necessary to pass a theory and practical driving test in the Island before a full Guernsey driving licence can be issued. You may drive on your overseas driving licence for up to one year after arriving in Guernsey until you successfully pass the driving test.

Proof of identification is required when applying for a driving licence in Guernsey for the first time. Please go to <https://gov.gg/dvl> for further information.

### Countries from which a driving licence may be exchanged:

#### **ALL CATEGORIES MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE**

Austria  
Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
France  
Gibraltar  
Germany  
Great Britain & Northern Ireland  
Greece  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Isle of Man  
Jersey  
Italy  
Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden

#### **CERTAIN CATEGORIES MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE**

**Advice will be given depending on individual circumstances (please contact us for more information)**

Switzerland

#### **MOTORCYCLE OR CAR CATEGORIES ONLY MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE**

Andorra  
Australian territories:  
    Queensland, Western Australia  
Barbados  
British Virgin Islands  
Falkland Islands  
Hong Kong  
Japan (*with official translation*)  
Monaco  
Singapore  
South Africa  
Zimbabwe

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#### **CAR CATEGORIES ONLY MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE**

Faroe Islands  
Republic of Korea (*with official translation*)

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#### **MOTORCYCLE OR CAR CATEGORIES ONLY MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE**

***Auto motorcycle or auto car categories only – can only be issued with a manual licence if can prove driving test taken in manual vehicle***

Australian territories:  
    Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria  
Canada  
New Zealand

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#### **LIGHT MOTORCYCLE OR CAR CATEGORIES ONLY MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE**

***Auto motorcycle (N.B. cannot exchange higher than 125cc motorcycle) or auto car categories only – can only be issued with a manual licence if can prove driving test taken in manual vehicle***

Cayman Islands  
United Arab Emirates (UAE)

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#### **CAR CATEGORIES ONLY MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE**

***Auto car categories only – can only be issued with a manual licence if can prove driving test taken in manual vehicle***

Republic of North Macedonia  
Taiwan (*with official translation*)  
Ukraine

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