



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. The ['First Registration Duty Information Leaflet'](#) 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 £55 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

In some cases evidence of a manual driving test may be required before issue of a manual category

Andorra
Australian territories:
 Queensland, Western Australia
Barbados
British Virgin Islands
Cayman Islands
Falkland Islands
Hong Kong
Japan *(with official translation)*
Monaco
Singapore
South Africa
United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Zimbabwe *(with original driving test pass certificate, known as a certificate of competence)*

CAR CATEGORIES ONLY MAY BE EXCHANGEABLE

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

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

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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