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## Quick Reference Guide - Advice for motorists driving abroad on a temporary basis – Status applied to International Driving Permits (IDP) requests

**List of EU/EEA Countries signed up to the 1968 Vienna Convention -**  
(Permits valid for 3 years)

Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Croatia	Czech Republic
Denmark <sup>2</sup>	Estonia <sup>2</sup>	Finland	France	Germany <sup>3</sup>
Gibraltar	Greece	Hungary	Italy	Latvia
Lithuania <sup>3</sup>	Luxembourg <sup>3</sup>	Netherlands	Norway	Poland <sup>3</sup>
Portugal <sup>3</sup>	Romania	Slovakia <sup>3</sup>	Slovenia <sup>2</sup>	Sweden
Switzerland				

**List of EU/EEA Countries signed up only to the 1949 Geneva  
Convention –**  
(Permits valid for 1 year)

Cyprus	Iceland <sup>1</sup>	Ireland	Malta	Spain <sup>3</sup>
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**List of EU/EEA Countries signed up only to the 1926 Paris Convention –**  
(Permits valid for 1 year)

Liechtenstein
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IDP no longer legally required

IDP still required

For those countries no longer requiring an IDP some have restricted the period for which temporary exemption is granted:

<sup>1</sup>for periods up to 30 days

<sup>2</sup>for periods up to 90 days

<sup>3</sup>for periods up to six months

For peace of mind when driving abroad you can still obtain an IDP at a cost of £17 from Driver and Vehicle Licensing at Edward T Wheadon House, Le Truchot, St. Peter Port in the above accepted countries should you wish. **In some exempted countries you may still be asked to provide an IDP if you are hiring a car.**

A full list of IDP requirements for driving in a non-EU / EEA country is included in the Detailed Guidance Note.

## **Exchanging Driving Licence entitlement if moving to live in the EU / EEA**

List of Countries for which driving entitlement **should** now be exchanged:

UK	Jersey	Isle of Man
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**Plus:**

Austria <sup>2</sup>	Bulgaria	Czech Republic	Denmark <sup>1</sup>	Estonia	Finland <sup>1</sup>
France	Germany <sup>2</sup>	Gibraltar	Hungary	Iceland	Italy
Ireland	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta
Netherlands	Norway	Poland	Portugal <sup>1</sup>	Romania	Slovakia <sup>3</sup>
Slovenia	Sweden				

<sup>1</sup>Exchange in categories A, A1, A2 & B only

<sup>2</sup>Licences only valid for driving for 6 months but can still be exchanged thereafter if still valid

<sup>3</sup>Must exchange within 60 days of taking up residency

List of Countries which **may** require you to take a driving test:

Belgium	Croatia	Cyprus	Greece
Spain <sup>1</sup>	Switzerland		

<sup>1</sup> Countries that are currently known to be refusing to exchange Bailiwick of Guernsey Driving Licences (negotiations ongoing with Spain to permit exchange)

**For the latest information on mutual recognition and exchange of driving licences, please use the following link to the UK guidance on these matters - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu-uk-licence-holders-living-in-the-eu#czech-republic>**