



Driving disqualifications and your Driving Licence



Helpful information for those facing a possible
motoring conviction in Guernsey

Surrendering your licence

If you are the holder of a driving licence and charged with a traffic offence, your licence **MUST** be handed over to Her Majesty's Greffier at or before the court hearing.

Your licence consists of **TWO** parts: The plastic card and the paper counterpart. **BOTH** must be handed in.

If you are convicted of an offence and disqualified from driving, the Greffier will return your licence to the Driver & Vehicle Licensing section for cancellation, together with a copy of the disqualification order. The licence is revoked with effect from the beginning of the period of disqualification.

Applying for a new licence

If not all categories held are disqualified, the licence will be cancelled as above and you will have to apply to the Driver & Vehicle Licensing section for a new licence to cover the reduced categories.

To reinstate your disqualified driving licence categories, you can apply for a new licence up to one month before the end of the disqualification period for a provisional licence, or two months in advance for a full licence. The cost will be a minimum of £27.00, but will depend on the length of validity of your new licence. For more information on the cost of your new licence, please contact the Driver & Vehicle Licensing offices at Bulwer Avenue on 243400.

Restrictions for provisional licence holders following a disqualification

The holder of a provisional licence in category P, A1 or A may only drive on the public highway if they also hold a valid CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) certificate. These are valid for 2 or 3 years, depending on the date of issue – please check your certificate for confirmation. If following your disqualification you find that your CBT certificate has expired, you will need to retake the training course and gain another certificate before driving on the roads.

Details of the training course and associated fees are available from the Guernsey Motorcycle Training Scheme (telephone 257679).

You must also hold a valid theory test certificate before booking or taking your practical driving test. Theory tests certificates are valid for taking a practical test in that category for a period of two years. However, we may, at our discretion, accept an expired theory test certificate as valid for an extended period where the holder has been disqualified from driving during the certificate validity period. Such requests should be made in writing.

A leaflet containing more information on the driving theory test is available from the Driver & Vehicle Licensing offices at Bulwer Avenue.

When must you re-take your test?

In accordance with The Driving Licences (Guernsey) Ordinance 1995, as amended, persons who previously have held a full driving licence but are then convicted of any of the following offences, are required to re-take their driving test in order to regain a full licence:

- Driving in a reckless or dangerous manner, or at a reckless or dangerous speed
- Causing death by reckless or dangerous driving
- Manslaughter arising out of the use of a motor vehicle
- Driving or attempting to drive with excess alcohol
- Driving or attempting to drive whilst unfit through drink or drugs
- Failing to provide a specimen for analysis whilst driving or attempting to drive

- Failing to provide a specimen for analysis whilst in charge of a motor vehicle
- Being in charge of a motor vehicle with excess alcohol
- Being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst unfit through drink or drugs
- Failure to provide a specimen for analysis in circumstances other than driving or attempting to drive
- Driving without a licence
- Driving with uncorrected defective eyesight
- Refusing to submit to an eyesight test

At the end of your disqualification you must:

1. Apply for a provisional licence
2. Pass a theory test (unless you already hold a valid theory test pass certificate)
3. Book and take a practical driving test, which if passed, will enable you to apply for a full driving licence

Provisional licence holders are usually required under the legislation to have held their provisional licence for one month before taking their practical test. However, this waiting period does not apply to drivers required to take the test to regain their full licence after disqualification.

There may be a waiting list for booking practical tests, so you are advised to book in advance, or contact the Traffic & Highway Services on 243400 for more information about the current length of the waiting time.

Where more than one category was held, it is generally only necessary to take a test in the highest category that was held in order to regain all other categories that were on your disqualified licence. (Please see table below for your particular licence requirements)

Please note that only categories previously held can be granted.

TEST	OTHER CATEGORIES COVERED
B	P, F, L, A1, A. G and B1
B+E	P, F, L, A1, A. G and B1
B1	P, L, A1, A and F
C1	P, A1, A, B, D1+E, G and B1
C1+E	P, A1, A, B+E, D1+E, G and B1

C	P, A1, A, B, C1, D, D1, G and B1
C+E	P, A1, A, B+E, C1+E, D, D+E, D1+E, G and B1
D1	P, A1, A, B, C1, G and B1
D1+E	P, A1, A, B+E, C1+E, G and B1
D	P, A1, A, B, C, C1, G and B1
D+E	P, A1, A, B+E, C+E, C1+E, D1+E, G and B1

Alderney and Sark Residents

The procedure for revoking a licence is the same for Alderney and Sark residents as it is for Guernsey residents. You must hand over your licence at or before the court hearing and if convicted, your licence will be sent to the States of Guernsey Driver & Vehicle Licensing offices for cancellation along with the disqualification order.

When reapplying for your licence at the end of the disqualification period, you must fill in a licence application form. If you wish to have a more recent photograph on your licence, you must obtain two authenticated passport size photographs (35mm x 45mm).

Alderney residents are required to present the necessary form in person, at the States Office in Alderney. Should you have any problems, please contact the designated official at the States Offices.

Sark residents are required to present these in person at H.M. Greffier Office in Sark. Should you have any problems, please contact the Seneschal or H.M. Greffier.

Please do not send information directly to the Driver & Vehicle Licensing offices in Guernsey. Your renewed licence should be posted to you within seven days of your application being processed.

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