Apply for an International Driving Permit

IMPORTANT NOTES:

If there’s a ‘no deal’ Brexit then mutual recognition of driving licences between the UK and EU may end and UK drivers wishing to drive in an EU country may need to carry an IDP.

As part of its preparation for Brexit the Government has decided that, from 1 February 2019:

- IDPs will only be available from Post Offices (around 2,500 branches)
- The AA will no longer be permitted to issue IDPs

What does this mean?

- **The AA can’t issue any IDPs after 31 January 2019**
- Applications received after 31 January 2019 will not be processed and will be returned to the sender
- For us to be able to issue an IDP the application must have been received in our office by 31 January 2019. Unfortunately, we cannot take any responsibility for late receipt/delays in the postal system
- Whilst we can still issue IDPs in advance we cannot issue any IDP with an effective date later than 31 January 2019
- **Permits required on or after 1 February 2019 must be obtained from the Post Office and any enquiries directed to Post Office Customer Services**

If UK drivers are required to carry an IDP to drive in the EU following Brexit then the type of IDP required will depend on the country visited:

- **1949 Convention IDP** (Republic of Ireland, Spain, Malta, Cyprus), or
- **1968 Convention IDP** (all other EU countries, Norway and Switzerland)

The AA can only issue 1949 and 1926 convention IDPs so any applications for 1968 agreement IDPs must be made at the Post Office after 31 January 2019.

Other notes:

1. An IDP issued in the UK isn’t valid for use in the UK
2. To apply for an IDP you must be 18 years or over, and have a valid UK driving licence
3. An IDP can’t be issued to a provisional licence holder
4. If you’ve just passed your test, you can apply using your test pass certificate (valid for two years) and provisional driving licence
5. An IDP can’t be backdated
6. You must carry your UK licence too and could be fined (or worse) for not doing so
7. If you have a Northern Ireland Photocard licence you must also carry the counterpart section when travelling
8. If taking up residence or employment, or travelling for a reason other than tourism, find out about your personal position before relying on an IDP
9. Check the personal information on your driving licence. If you spot any errors or have a change of name or address, notify the DVLA or nidirect straight away
10. When hiring a car abroad, remember that licence requirements worldwide do vary. If you’re making an advance reservation in the UK, ask the company concerned to confirm the driving licence requirements of the countries you’re visiting. Without this info, consider an IDP as a precautionary measure, especially if travelling outside Europe
11. We return all IDPs in your stamped addressed envelope unless the optional ‘secure post’ fee is paid. We can’t accept responsibility for items delayed or lost in the post
12. We can only discuss your application with you
13. We’ll use best endeavours to process and issue your permit within 10 working days of receipt into our office
APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT
Send to:
The Automobile Association,
International Motoring Services,
Fanum House, Basing View,
Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 4EA

APPLICATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK CAPITALS
Please read all information relevant to your application and the Important Notes carefully. All incomplete applications will automatically be returned to you.

DETAILS OF REQUIREMENTS (PLEASE ✔)

1949 IDP – Statutory Charge (£5.50)
+ processing fee (£3.00) = £8.50 □ £ ______

1926 IDP – Statutory Charge (£5.50)
+ processing fee (£3.00) = £8.50 □ £ ______

Priority fee (optional) £4.00 □ £ ______
Search Fee (where required) £4.00 □ £ ______

UK Secure post (optional) £7.00 □ £ ______
Overseas Mail £7.00 □ £ ______
Overseas courier (optional) £27.00 □ £ ______

Total Paid £ ______

Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to “Automobile Association”. Bank drafts and Payment cards (credit/charge/debit) are not accepted for these transactions.

1. DETAILS ABOUT YOURSELF

Last name: 
First name: 
Second initial: 
Title: 
Date of birth: 

Town and country of birth: 
Address: (as shown on driving licence and to which the permit may be sent) 
Postcode: 

Contact tel. no. (including STD code): 
email address: 

Countries you are visiting (see list of countries for which a permit is required): 
Date of Travel: (see Important Notes 5 and 6): 

2. DETAILS OF DRIVING LICENCE

UK driving licence driver no: 

3. DECLARATION

I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct, that I have read the important notes and supporting information, and that I am over 18 years of age. I confirm that the driving licence shown is current at the date of this application. I understand that it is my duty to comply with the relevant laws of the countries in which I wish to drive a motor vehicle. I confirm that I have passed a UK or equivalent driving test, have not been ordered by a court of law to retake a UK driving test and have not been banned from holding a licence on medical grounds. If I have been unable to provide a legible copy of my valid UK driving licence; I authorise and consent for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, for the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) to supply information to the Automobile Association that may be held on its computerised database which relates to myself and driving entitlement past and present including any valid endorsements / disqualifications. This authority will expire within three months of the signed declaration.

Signature: 
Date: 

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