

# Apply for an International Driving Permit

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## 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.

**IDP Checklist**

You must send a clear and **full photocopy** (NOT THE ORIGINALS) of the following valid documents:

Your UK driving licence (if photocard licence, photocard front and back),

**OR**

your UK pass certificate (certificate of competence to drive, valid for two years from the date of your test) and your provisional driving licence,

A recent passport sized photograph (45-50mm high x 35-40mm wide) on photographic paper signed by you on the back and showing full face against a light background.

**Photograph checklist:**

- Recent.
- Printed on photo quality paper on a plain background.
- A close up of head and shoulders.
- No other people or objects visible in the photo.
- Full face with eyes open.
- Sharp focus and clear.
- No reflection from spectacles if worn.

A photocopy of the page(s) of your passport displaying photograph and identification details.

Enclose a **stamped addressed envelope** size:C5 (229X162mm) preferred but this must be at least 16cm x 12cm. Please don't send padded or A4 envelopes. Stamp not required if UK secure post fee/overseas mail or courier fee is paid.

Original signed application form (licence holder's signature only). We are unable to accept completed applications which are photocopied or emailed.

Appropriate fees (which are a minimum of £8.50 per permit).

Should both permits be required please include two photographs and two fees (£8.50 each permit) with your application. **No more than one permit of each type may be issued to an applicant.**

**1. DETAILS ABOUT YOURSELF**

Please allow at least 10 working days for processing your application form (see Important note 15)

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: