

Expired driving licences automatically extended by 11 months



Photocard driving licence

Under the changes, drivers whose photocard driving licence or entitlement to drive runs out between 1 February 2020 and 31 December 2020 will have their entitlement automatically extended from the expiry date, for a period of 11 months. Drivers do not need to apply to renew their licence until they receive a reminder before their extension expires.

The [initial extension](#) expired at the end of August. This has now been further extended to the end of the year under temporary changes announced by DVLA today (1 September 2020).

DVLA Chief Executive Julie Lennard said

“Being able to drive is a lifeline for millions of people and this further extension will ensure that in these continued uncertain times, drivers don’t need to worry about the admin or the associated costs with renewing their licences.

The temporary extension is automatic, and drivers do not need to do anything. Drivers who have already applied to renew their photocard driving licence or entitlement to drive can usually carry on driving while we process their application, providing they have not been told by their doctor or optician that they should not drive.”

Notes to editors:

The initial extension from the EU expired at the end of August and we have now agreed a further extension with the EU to the end of December.

The extension only applies to full driving licences, not provisional driving licences.

If a driver applies to DVLA to renew their photocard or their entitlement, they can continue to drive while DVLA is considering their application,

providing they have not been told by their doctor or optician that they should not drive. Further information is available [here](#).

By law, all drivers must ensure they always meet the medical standards for fitness to drive when driving. Information about driving with a medical condition is available on [GOV.UK](#).

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Small update to notes to editors to add clarity around affected licences.

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