

New DVLA online log book service hits one million transaction milestone

Home movers have racked up more than a million transactions in under a year on DVLA's new [online service to change an address on a V5C log book](#).

Since its launch in June 2020 the service has proven extremely popular, with over 60% of motorists needing to tell DVLA about a change of address choosing to use the online service instead of through the post.

This new online service slashes the amount of time it takes to receive a new log book from up to 6 weeks to around 5 days, with motorists able to update their address details in minutes.

This milestone comes as DVLA launches a new digital campaign to promote its online services. These include renewing a driving licence, changing an address, ordering a replacement V5C log book, or telling DVLA you've bought or sold a vehicle.

The campaign is aimed at motorists and highlights DVLA's online services on GOV.UK. These will always be the quickest, simplest and in many cases the cheapest way to deal with DVLA.

Over 92% of those who have used the agency's online services said they were easy, or very easy to use, while 98% said they would use them again in the future, a recent DVLA survey revealed.

DVLA Chief Executive Julie Lennard said:

We are delighted that the new Change of Address for a V5C log book online service has proven so popular with motorists, less than a year after launching.

We want our customers to be able to deal with us in the way that suits them, and our online services are designed to be flexible and easy to use.

Our new campaign seeks to highlight the benefits of using DVLA's online services on GOV.UK which are always the quickest and easiest way to deal with DVLA. By choosing to transact with us online you can make an application with us in just minutes, without the need to send a form in the post.

Motorists can find out more about DVLA's range of online services by [visiting the driving home page](#).

Notes to editors:

It is a legal requirement to tell DVLA when you change your address, and customers must update both their V5C log book and driving licence. You can do both via [the online service on GOV.UK](#), free of charge.

The one millionth transaction for the online change of address service was reached in March 2021.

DVLA's online services have continued to work as normal throughout the coronavirus pandemic. [For more information on DVLA's online services visit GOV.UK](#).

[Supply chain webinar content available](#)

The event, held on April 21, 2021, outlined a four-year multi-supplier framework contract, which will involve asbestos removal, demolition and deplanting across Magnox's 12 sites around the UK.

Some of the work will be in conventional areas and some will be delivered in radiologically contaminated areas.

[Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

[View the presentation session from the event.](#)

[Statement following the meeting of the Gibraltar Specialised Committee – 16 April 2021](#)

Press release

This statement follows the meeting of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol on Gibraltar between the UK Government and the European Commission via video conference.



The third meeting of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol on Gibraltar was held on Friday 16 April 2021, co-chaired by officials from the UK Government and the European Commission. Representatives from the Government of Gibraltar attended as part of the UK delegation and representatives from Spain and other Member States attended as part of the EU delegation.

The Committee was established by the Withdrawal Agreement to facilitate the implementation and application of the Protocol on Gibraltar included in the Withdrawal Agreement, which is a key priority for the UK and the EU. In the field of citizens' rights, the work of the Committee is based on the deliberations of the coordinating committee, established by the Protocol and implemented by a Memorandum of Understanding, as a forum for regular discussion between the competent authorities on citizens' rights.

The UK and the EU exchanged updates on Article 1 of the Protocol, relating to citizens' rights, and examined the application of these obligations. The UK is committed to ensuring the correct application of the Protocol to provide continued security and prosperity to Gibraltar and Spain, in particular the territory of the municipalities that make up the Mancomunidad de Municipios del Campo de Gibraltar.

The UK and the EU reaffirmed their commitment to uphold the citizens' rights commitments outlined in the Protocol. The EU also referred to obligations under Article 3(3) of the Protocol, related to the establishment of a system of traceability and security measures relating to tobacco products that ceased to apply at the end of the transition period.

The co-chairs agreed that the Specialised Committee will meet as required and at least once a year to discuss any relevant issues, including the reports from the coordinating committee.

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UK response to Ambassadors Çevik and Grau

Thank you Mr Chair. I would like to thank Ambassador Çevik and Ambassador Grau for your in depth briefings today. We are grateful to you and your teams for your ongoing efforts towards a peaceful and sustainable resolution of the conflict.

The UK continues to share Ukraine's significant concerns about the recent increased Russian military activity on Ukraine's border and in illegally annexed Crimea, as well as about reports that Russia plans to restrict access to parts of the Black Sea and to the Kerch Strait. We call again on Russia to cease provocative activity and engage in Risk Reduction measures without further delay.

We are also concerned by the gradual increase in kinetic activity along the line of contact. While the number of ceasefire violations recorded by the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (SMM) between 1 January and 20 March was significantly lower than during the same period last year, there has been a two-fold increase in the number of ceasefire violations compared to the previous reporting period.

We commend Ukraine for the restraint it has shown and urge Russia to focus its efforts on de-escalation along the line of contact, including through constructive discussion in the Trilateral Contact Group on recommitment to the ceasefire and bringing an end to misinformation and escalatory rhetoric.

Ambassador Çevik, in the context of these concerning developments, the SMM's impartial, facts-based reporting is all the more important. We are grateful to the Mission for stepping up the activities of its Kherson Monitoring Team and increasing patrols in areas adjacent to the Sea of Azov, as outlined at yesterday's informal briefing from the Deputy Chief Monitors. We regret that the SMM continues to be prevented from accessing the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula and is facing systematic restrictions from the Russia-backed armed formations in the south-eastern part of Donetsk region. It is an unacceptable violation of your mandate that, as you highlight in your report, the Mission's monitoring continues to be impeded through the targeting of its equipment and restrictions on its freedom of movement, overwhelmingly in non-government controlled areas.

UAVs are a critical technological capability for the Mission. The SMM observed 69% of the 435 weapons it reported in violation of their respective withdrawal lines using UAVs. It is noteworthy that 94% of these weapons were in areas held by Russia-backed armed formations. It is unacceptable that the Mission has seen a two-fold increase in the instances of its UAV's experiencing GPS signal interference assessed as jamming, as well as continued instances of its UAVs being targeted by gunfire. Moreover, we were appalled by the SMM's spot report this week, which outlined that on 17 April the Russia backed armed formations installed a camera on the SMM mast without

permission, forcing the SMM to disable its own camera system.

We were also deeply concerned to see in a spot report this week that the Russia backed armed formations in Donetsk region again denied an SMM patrol passage across the line of contact for the sixth time this year. Ambassador Çevik, your report outlined that 93 per cent of restrictions on the SMM between 1 January and 20 March occurred in non-government controlled areas.

We urge Russia once again to use its undeniable influence over the armed formations it backs to ensure the SMM's monitors and equipment have safe, unconditional and unimpeded access throughout Ukraine, including in Crimea and areas near the Ukraine-Russia state border.

Sadly, civilians are also impacted by restrictions on their freedom of movement. Ukrainians rely on crossing the line of contact to collect pensions, medical care and to see their families. However, between 1 January and 20 March, there was a 97 per cent reduction in the number of civilian crossings compared to similar periods in 2020 and 2019. Ambassador Grau, we are grateful to you and your team for your ongoing efforts to open the checkpoints at Shchastia and Zolote. It is unacceptable that Russia and the armed formations it backs continue to keep them closed on their side of the line of contact, five months after they agreed to open them.

Ambassador Grau, we also welcome your work to make progress on other commitments made at the December 2019 Paris Summit, including to implement agreed plans on demining and disengagement. Tragically, we continue to receive reports of civilian casualties resulting from mines, unexploded ordnance and explosive devices. We call on Russia to match the political will shown by Ukraine in the Trilateral Contact Group, so that progress can be made on this vital work.

We reiterate our support for the Minsk agreements to deliver a peaceful resolution to the conflict in full respect of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the work of the Trilateral Contact Group and the Normandy Four in this regard.

Russia must play its part and fulfil its commitments. We repeat our call on Russia to withdraw its military personnel and weapons from the territory of Ukraine and to cease its support for the armed formations it backs.

The UK strongly supports Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders, including its territorial waters. We do not and will not recognise Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea. The UK has consistently stood with Ukraine in opposing all instances of Russian aggression towards Ukraine and we will continue to do so, including through sanctions, together with our international partners.

Virtual conference for UK-Africa legal services

- Event to boost UK legal services in new and emerging markets
- Discussions will centre on sharing expertise and building lasting partnerships
- Follows first ever UK-Africa online trade mission in December

The one-day event is part of the Ministry of Justice's Legal Services are GREAT (LSAG) campaign that promotes the strength of English and Welsh law, the UK's legal expertise and its world-renowned independent judiciary to some of the fastest growing overseas markets for legal services.

The conference will bring together legal experts from the UK and the African continent, serving as a platform for international collaboration between the regions which generated £160m worth in legal services exports for the UK in 2018 alone.

Delegates will hear speeches from a range of industry leaders, seeking to foster long-term relationships and promote UK expertise on key issues such as legal technology and dispute resolution.

Lord Chancellor, Robert Buckland QC MP, said:

I'm delighted to host this virtual UK-Africa legal services conference, building on the success of last year's trade mission.

Events such as this will make sure we continue to forge vital partnerships to grow the sector internationally, while showcasing the unique expertise and exceptional talent we have to offer.

Legal services contribute a massive £22bn to the UK economy and will be crucial to ensuring we build back better from the global pandemic.

Today's event aims to build on the success of the first trade mission for UK-Africa legal services in December, while further establishing the UK legal sector as the pre-eminent partner of choice for African businesses and law firms.

Legal professionals from across the continent will be in attendance, including Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, Egypt, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Angola.

Drawing on his experience in commercial law, both in litigation and international arbitration, Lord Wolfson QC, will give a keynote address to underline the strength of the UK-Africa partnership.

Lord Wolfson QC, said:

I am committed to playing a role in fostering collaboration and mutually beneficial growth between the UK and our overseas partners.

As demonstrated by improving political stability, consistent economic growth and an increased focus on in-demand industries including technology, countries across the African continent will be at the fore of the global economy as the 21st century progresses.

There are many exciting opportunities for us all to seize, which hold the promise of mutual future prosperity.

The online platform will also offer networking opportunities where legal professionals can book virtual 1-1 meetings with their international colleagues.

Meanwhile, Andrew Skipper, Head of the Africa Practice at Hogan Lovells, will chair an 'In-House Perspective' session with General Counsel from some of Africa's biggest corporations.

Andrew Skipper, Head of Africa Practice at Hogan Lovells, said:

It's a pleasure to be part of the Legal Services are GREAT campaign again, following the virtual trade mission last year, that brought together a wealth of legal expertise from across the continent.

This time around, we start the conversation with a view from senior General Counsel as they share their insights from the boardroom and discuss the partnership opportunities on the horizon.

After the past year of uncertainty, we will look ahead to the positive role GCs can play in business growth, capacity building and the promotion of diversity.

The event will be closed by Emily Tofield, Director of Communications at the Ministry of Justice and founder of the Legal Services are GREAT campaign, who

will share some of her highlights and key takeaways from the conference.

Notes to Editors

- Legal Services are GREAT (LSAG) is the UK Ministry of Justice's most ambitious international campaign, promoting the strength of English Law; our world-renowned independent judiciary; and UK legal expertise to an overseas market.
- The aim of the campaign is to facilitate growth for UK legal services in the world's fastest growing markets, expand business networks and generate export wins for our law firms and chambers.
- LSAG is part of the GREAT campaign and uses the strength of a globally recognised, credible and respected brand to communicate the UK is a safe and trusted place to conduct business.
- With a presence in 32 countries worldwide, Legal Services are GREAT is an internationally recognised brand and has completed successful trade missions to Nigeria, Kazakhstan, China and Chile.
- The legal sector brings significant economic benefit to the UK, representing 1.5% of the total UK GDP. It also provides employment for more than 330,000 people.
- In 2018 the UK exported £36,526,000 in legal services to South Africa, £17,110,000 to Nigeria, £8,060,000 to Ghana, and £5,446,000 to Kenya.
- In the past year and a half, the Legal Services are GREAT campaign recorded around £650,000 in export wins, with a further £4 million forecast over the next four years.