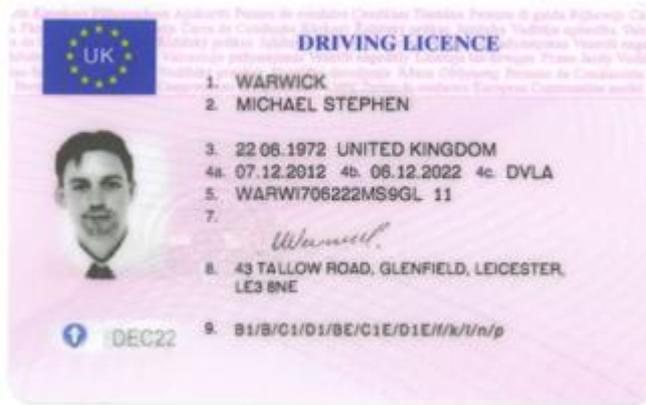


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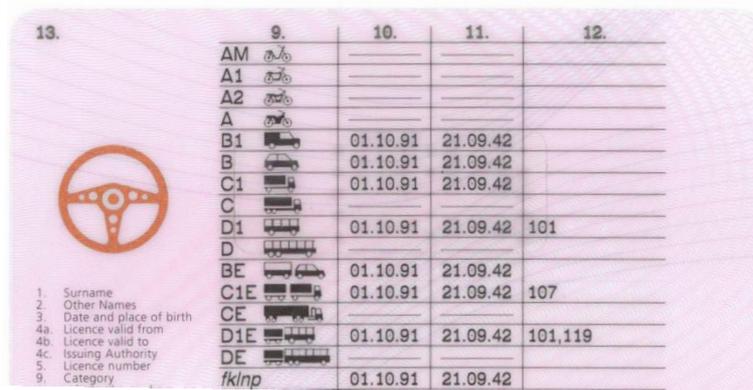
## Front of driving licence



The front of a driving licence will record:

- 1 surname
- 2 first names
- 3 date and place of birth
- 4a date of issue      4b licence expiry date      4c Issuing authority
- 5 driving licence number
- 6 an electronic copy of your photograph as supplied at the time of the application
- 7 an electronic copy of your signature as supplied at the time of the application
- 8 permanent address of the licence holder
- 9 Entitlement categories - The letters in capitals show the categories of entitlement covered by the EC Directive. National categories are shown in smaller letters.

## Back of driving licence



- 9 Entitlement categories
- 10 & 11 Category Validity periods
- 12 Information codes - The code numbers printed in this area indicate what (if any) restrictions the entitlement is subject to.
- 13 Steering wheel - This is a security feature in the shape of a steering wheel. The colour of the wheel changes from green to gold depending on how you tilt the licence.

## **The paperdriving licence counterpart is no longer valid**

**People who need to have their licences checked for work need to download a code from**

<https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence>

They will need;

- Their licence number
- Their national insurance number
- The postcode that is on the licence.

This will generate a code which is valid for 21 days.

**To check the licence go to**

<https://www.gov.uk/check-driving-information>

You will need ;

- the last 8 characters of their driving licence number
- a check code from the driver

The code can only be used once, if you need to re-check the driver must get another code.

**Endorsements to be checked and records kept for 6+ penalty points as licence will then need to be reviewed again in 3 – 6 months**

# Check list

Name tallies, is current and corresponds with information on insurance certificate

1

Is a true likeness of the licence holder

4

Date is still valid

3



Tallies

5

Licence covers category required

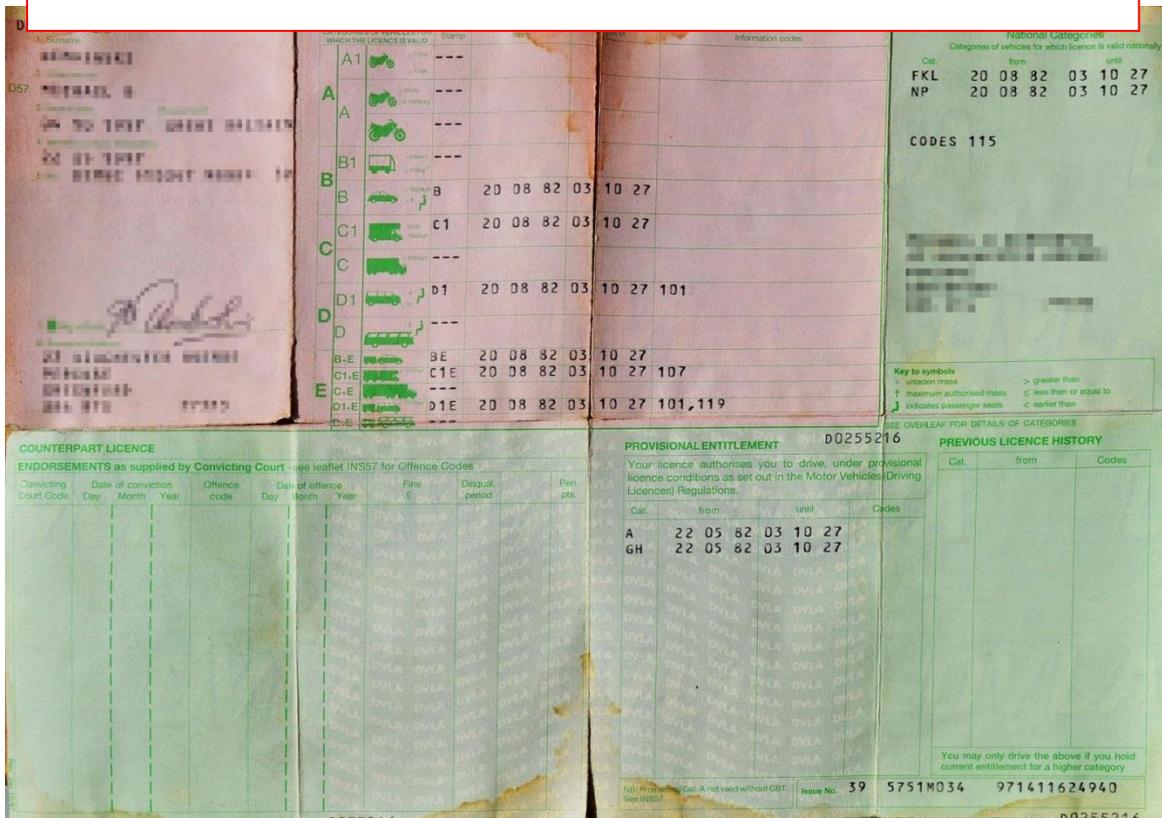
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Address tallies, is current and corresponds with address on insurance certificate

2

The style of licence below is still valid providing the address is the current one and it tallies with insurance details etc.

Endorsements will continue to be recorded on these so no need to check online.



## Check list

(Suggested form for check list)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Name	Address	Expiry date	Photo	Serial number	Vehicle category	Endorsements	Insurance document	MOT
	Photocard and insurance certificate tally	Photocar and insurance certificate tally	Is valid	Is a true likeness	Photocard and on line check tally	Covers category required	Make note if 6 + points valid as may need earlier check	Business use is covered	Own vehicle over 3 years old
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## Offence Codes

**Accident offences** Offence codes AC10 to AC30 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

AC10	Failing to stop after an accident	5-10
AC20	Failing to give particulars or to report an accident within 24 hours	5-10
AC30	Undefined accident offences	4-9

**Disqualified driver** Offence codes BA10 and BA30 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

BA10	Driving while disqualified by order of court	6
BA30	Attempting to drive while disqualified by order of court	6

**Careless driving** Offence codes CD10 to CD30 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

CD10	Driving without due care and attention	3-9
CD20	Driving without reasonable consideration for other road users	3-9
CD30	Driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users	3-9

Offence codes CD40 to CD70 must stay on a driving licence for eleven years from date of conviction.

CD40	Causing death through careless driving when unfit through drink	3-11
CD50	Causing death by careless driving when unfit through drugs	3-11
CD60	Causing death by careless driving with alcohol level above the limit	3-11
CD70	Causing death by careless driving then failing to supply a specimen for	3-11

Offence codes CD80 and CD90 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of conviction.

CD80	Causing death by careless, or inconsiderate, driving	3-11
CD90	Causing death by driving: unlicensed, disqualified or uninsured drivers	3-11

**Construction & use** offences Offence codes CU10-CU80 must stay on a licence for 4 yrs from date of offence.

CU10	Using a vehicle with defective brakes	3
CU20	Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of use of unsuitable vehicle or using a vehicle with parts or accessories (excluding brakes, steering or tyres) in a dangerous condition	3
CU30	Using a vehicle with defective tyre(s)	3
CU40	Using a vehicle with defective steering	3
CU50	Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of load or passengers	3
CU80	Using a mobile phone while driving a motor vehicle	3

**Reckless/dangerous driving** Codes DD40-DD80 must stay on a licence for 4 yrs from date of conviction.

DD40	Dangerous driving	3-11
DD60	Manslaughter or culpable homicide while driving a vehicle	3-11
DD80	Causing death by dangerous driving	3-11
DD90	Furious driving	3-9

**Drink or drugs** Offence codes DR10 to DR30 must stay on a driving licence for eleven years from date of conviction.

DR10	Driving or attempting to drive with alcohol level above limit	3-11
DR20	Driving or attempting to drive while unfit through drink	3-11
DR30	Driving or attempting to drive then failing to supply a specimen for analysis	3-11

Offence codes DR40 to DR70 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

DR40	In charge of a vehicle while alcohol level above limit	10
DR50	In charge of a vehicle while unfit through drink	10
DR60	Failure to provide a specimen for analysis in circumstances other than driving or attempting to drive	10
DR70	Failing to provide specimen for breath test	4

Offence code DR80 must stay on a driving licence for eleven years from date of conviction.

DR80	Driving or attempting to drive when unfit through drugs	3-11
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Offence code DR90 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

DR90	In charge of a vehicle when unfit through drugs	10
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**Insurance offences** Offence code IN10 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

IN10	Using a vehicle uninsured against third party risks.	6-8
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**Licence offences** Offence codes LC20 to LC50 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

LC20	Driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence	3-6
LC30	Driving after making a false declaration about fitness when applying for a licence	3-6
LC40	Driving a vehicle having failed to notify a disability	3-6
LC50	Driving after a licence has been revoked or refused on medical grounds	3-6

**Miscellaneous offences** Codes MS10 to MS90 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

MS10	Leaving a vehicle in a dangerous position	3
MS20	Unlawful pillion riding	3
MS30	Play street offences	2
MS50	Motor racing on the highway	3-11
MS60	Offences not covered by other codes	vary
MS70	Driving with uncorrected defective eyesight	3
MS80	Refusing to submit to an eyesight test	3

MS90	Failure to give information as to identity of driver etc	6
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Motorway offences Offence code MW10 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

MW10	Contravention of special roads regulations (excluding speed limits)	3
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**Pedestrian crossings** Offence codes PC10-PC30 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

PC10	Undefined contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations	3
PC20	Contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations with moving vehicle	3
PC30	Contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations with stationary vehicle	3

**Speed limits Offence** codes SP10 to SP50 must stay on a driving licence for four years from date of offence.

SP10	Exceeding goods vehicle speed limits	3-6
SP20	Exceeding speed limit for type of vehicle (excluding goods or passenger vehicles)	3-6
SP30	Exceeding statutory speed limit on a public road	3-6
SP40	Exceeding passenger vehicle speed limit	3-6
SP50	Exceeding speed limit on a motorway	3-6

**Traffic direction & signs** Offence codes TS10-TS70 must stay on a licence for 4 years from date of offence.

TS10	Failing to comply with traffic light signals	3
TS20	Failing to comply with double white lines	3
TS30	Failing to comply with 'Stop' sign	3
TS40	Failing to comply with direction of a constable/warden	3
TS50	Failing to comply with traffic sign (excluding 'stop' signs, traffic lights or double white lines)	3
TS60	Failing to comply with a school crossing patrol sign	3
TS70	Undefined failure to comply with a traffic direction sign	3

**Special code** Offence code TT99 must stay on a driving licence for four years from date of conviction.

TT99	To signify a disqualification under 'totting-up' procedure. If the total of penalty	
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points reaches 12 or more within three years, the driver is liable to be disqualified
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**Theft or unauthorised taking** Codes UT50 must stay on a driving licence for 4 years from date of offence.

UT50	Aggravated taking of a vehicle
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3-11
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### **Aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring**

Offences as coded, but with 0 changed to 2 eg LC10 becomes LC12.

### **Causing or permitting**

Offences as coded, but with 0 changed to 4 eg LC10 becomes LC14.

### **Inciting**

Offences as coded, but with the end 0 changed to 6 eg DD40 becomes DD46.