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When do I need to renew my driving licence?



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Driving licences need to be renewed at 70 and every three years after.

The DVLA will send you a reminder and an application form as your 70th birthday approaches, and then every three years afterwards when your licence is due for renewal.



If you do not renew your licence, you will not legally be allowed to drive after your 70th birthday. If you carry on driving, your licence and motor insurance would not be valid and you would be committing a serious offence which carries stringent penalties, potentially meaning a heavy fine and having your car seized.

How to renew your driving licence

It's free to renew your licence, which you can either do online or by post.

ONLINE



You can renew your driving licence online for free if you're 70 or over, or if your 70th birthday is within 90 days. The DVLA will send you a user ID code and instructions on how to renew.

BY POST



The DVLA will send you a D46P application form 90 days before your 70th birthday, and then every three years afterwards. Complete the form and return it to the DVLA. If you haven't got the D46P form, you can use a 'D1 application for a driving licence form', which you can pick up from a Post Office.

You will need to send a new passport-type photo with your application form.

Postal applications take up to three weeks.

Medical declaration

When completing the form to renew your licence you will be asked to declare any medical conditions you have, and confirm that you meet the eyesight standards for driving. **You must** answer these questions honestly.

It is a very good idea to have a medical check before renewing your licence when you reach 70, and again each time your licence is renewed.

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