

THIS DOCUMENT is the Counterpart as defined in the Road Traffic Act. It is an important document and should be kept safely. Please read the enclosed booklet INS 57P "Driving Licence Information" which contains further explanatory notes regarding entitlements, endorsement codes etc. The photocard and paper counterpart should be kept together. Both must be produced when required.

### IMPORTANT – Check Your Documents

Please check the details shown on your licence and counterpart.

The address which appears on your licence is the Post Office preferred format and may not be identical to the address given on your application form. If anything is wrong, return both your licence and counterpart to DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1BN with a letter telling us about the mistakes.

**Keep a separate note of your driver number so that you can quote it if you have to contact Customer Enquiries (Drivers), DVLA.**

Please ring between 8.00am and 8.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 5.30pm on Saturday.

Tel: 0870 240 0009 for Driving Licence enquiries  
0870 240 0010 for Vehicle enquiries

**Minicom users only:**

Tel: 01792 782787 for Driving Licence enquiries  
01792 782756 for Vehicle enquiries

## 1 Provisional Licence – restrictions/conditions

**Before driving as a provisional licence holder please read this section and also the notes covering the conditions/restrictions in the booklet INS 57P which accompanied your licence.**

**When using a provisional licence you:-**

**must**

- carry L plates (D or L plates in Wales) which are clearly visible from the front and back of the vehicle;
- be accompanied by a supervisor who is age 21 or over and:
  - for ordinary motorcar purposes has been the holder of a full licence for at least 3 years;
  - for LGV/PCV learner drivers, be accompanied by a full LGV/PCV licence holder who has held the same class of entitlement as the person being supervised for at least 3 years.

**must not**

- ride a solo moped or motorcycle on the road without completing Compulsory Basic Training;
- ride a motorcycle over 125cc (11kW/14.6bhp) as a learner unless you are age 21 or over and are supervised by a certified Direct Access instructor;
- carry a pillion passenger;
- drive or ride a vehicle to which a trailer is attached unless it is an agricultural tractor or an articulated vehicle;
- drive an agricultural tractor on a road at age 16 unless you are going to, taking, or returning from a driving test.

## 2 Motorcyclists – special conditions

At age 17 or over, motorcyclists are restricted to motorcycles up to 25kW and with a power/weight ratio not exceeding 0.16kW/kg, for two years (not counting any period of disqualification) after obtaining the full standard category A licence. After 2 years any size motorcycle can be ridden. If you hold a full category A licence and reach the age of 21 before the two year qualifying period ends, you may opt to take a **further test** on a motorcycle with a power output of at least 35kW (46.6bhp) to gain immediate access to all motorcycles. Full motorcycle licence holders have entitlement to tow trailers providing they comply with Construction and Use Regulations 1986.

## 3 Entitlement History

This section contains details of any previous entitlement held which has been superseded by a higher category.

## 4 Minimum ages for driving

**These notes are intended only as a general guide. For precise information about minimum ages and an explanation of the vehicle categories, please refer to the enclosed booklet INS 57P which accompanied your licence, or leaflet D100 obtainable from Post Offices.**

- At 16** Categories K, P  
**At 17** Categories A1, A, B1, B, B+E, F  
**At 18** Categories C1  
**At 21** Categories G, H, C1+E, C, C+E, D1, D1+E, D, D+E

The age limits above may not apply to drivers of vehicles used for Naval, Military or Air Force purposes.

## 5 Changes to name, permanent address and health

You must tell DVLA at once of any **change** to your **permanent address**, using the section provided overleaf. **You need only notify a change of address in GB. An address outside GB cannot be entered on your licence.** If your surname or forenames have changed, you will need to complete the appropriate sections on the D1 application form available from most Post Offices.

**In all cases both your photocard licence and this paper counterpart must be returned to DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1BN.**

If you have a **medical condition** which has become worse since this licence/counterpart was issued or you develop any new condition you must write and inform the Drivers Medical Branch, DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1TU of the nature of your condition, as it may affect your fitness to drive. The medical rules for driving are outlined in the booklet INS 57P which accompanied your licence.

**Failure to notify any changes as described above is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine up to £1000.**

A deceased person's driving licence and counterpart document must be returned to DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1AB with a covering letter.

If you use another name for professional or other purposes, please print name in the box provided and provide specimen signature.

Print name

Signature