



Proving Your Entitlement to Drive

In June 2015, the paper counterpart of the driving licence was abolished and driving licences now consist of just the photo card.

Endorsements, penalty points and driving bans will no longer be recorded on driving licences, but will instead only be accessible online.

For insurance purposes, before your first driving lesson your instructor is required to check your full licence details to see the vehicles you're allowed to drive, and to check for penalty points and disqualifications.

The consequences for not checking the above are very serious and this procedure is in place to protect you, your instructor and the general public.

You must follow these simple steps before your 1st lesson.

You will need to generate a check code which will allow your instructor to check your licence details.

In order to do this, you will need to have on hand:

- Your driving licence
- Your national insurance number
- Your home postcode

Go to this website:

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

Then follow the instructions detailed below:

View or share your driving licence information

You can use this service to:

- view your driving record, for example vehicles you can drive
- check your penalty points or disqualifications
- create a licence 'check code' to share your driving record with someone, for example a car hire company

The check code will be valid for 21 days.

You'll need:

- your driving licence number
- your [National Insurance number](#)
- the postcode on your driving licence

This service is also available [in Welsh \(Cymraeg\)](#).

Click **Start Now**

Start now >

Enter your driving licence number, national insurance number, and the postcode shown on your driving licence.

Enter details

You should only use this service to view or share your own driving licence.

Use a different service if you want to [check someone else's driving licence information](#).

Your driving licence number

Example: MORGA657054SM9IJ

▶ [Where to find your driving licence number](#)

Your National Insurance number

Example: QQ123456C

▶ [Where to find your National Insurance Number](#)

Postcode

Example: EH1 9SP

Tick the "I agree" box and click the **View now** button

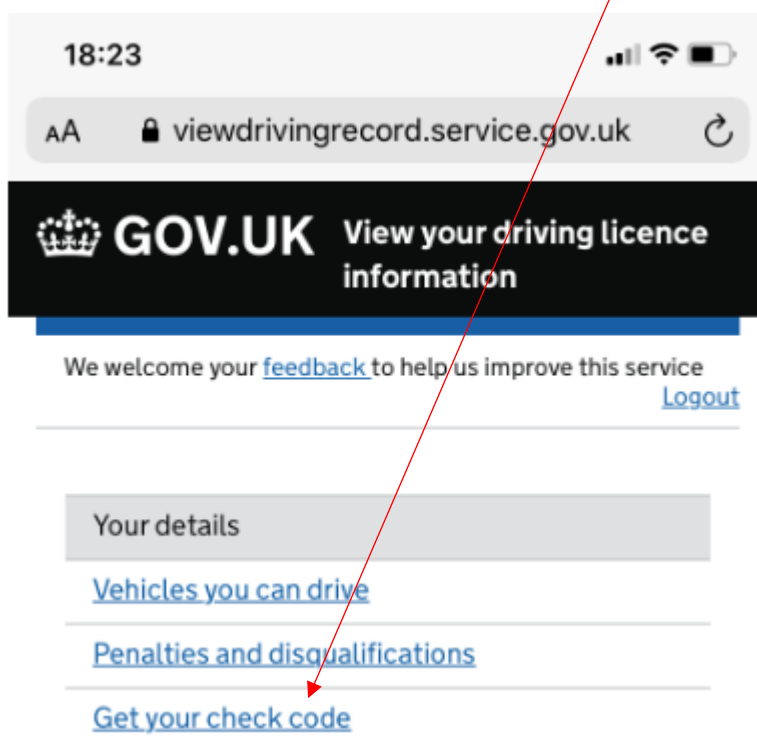
To access this service online, details from your DVLA record and your National Insurance number will be shared with other government departments (HMRC and DWP) to check your identity, as described in our [privacy policy](#).

I would like to use this service and understand that my data will be shared as explained above.

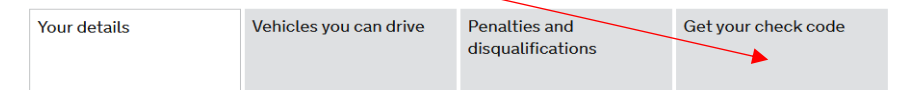
I agree

View now

If you are on a mobile phone, select [Get your check code](#) link:



If you are on a computer, select the “Get your check code” Tab



Click the **Get a code** button. This creates a code. The code is case sensitive, can only be used once, and is only valid for 21 days.

Get a licence check code

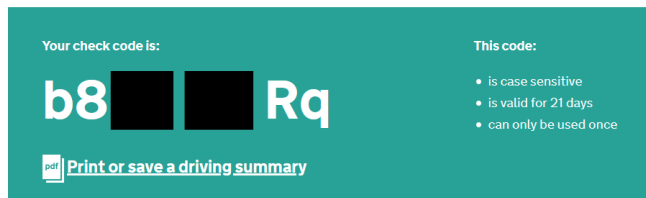
You can get a check code to share your driving licence information with someone else, like your employer or a car hire company. You may need to do this if you want to hire a car.

You must also give them the last 8 characters of your driving licence number.

Your code will be valid for 21 days.

Get a code

Send the eight character generated code to your instructor together with the last eight digits of your driving licence number. (Or the whole driving licence number, since they will need the full number for their records.) A photograph or screenshot of the code is often best as it is case-sensitive.



In advance of your first driving lesson your Instructor will view your licence details on line. Be aware that your Instructor may save a screenshot as evidence of the licence entitlement check.

Please note you should also produce your photo card licence for ID inspection on your first lesson. It is your responsibility to provide your Instructor with proof that you have a valid licence to drive, before the commencement of your first lesson. If you fail to provide this proof, your Instructor is entitled to refuse to conduct the lesson but still charge you.