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Quick Reference Guide - Advice for motorists driving abroad on a temporary basis – Status applied to International Driving Permits (IDP) requests

List of EU/EEA Countries signed up to the 1968 Vienna Convention -
(Permits valid for 3 years)

Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Croatia	Czech Republic
Denmark ²	Estonia ²	Finland	France	Germany ³
Gibraltar	Greece	Hungary	Italy	Latvia
Lithuania ³	Luxembourg ³	Netherlands	Norway	Poland ³
Portugal ³	Romania	Slovakia ³	Slovenia ²	Sweden
Switzerland				

List of EU/EEA Countries signed up only to the 1949 Geneva Convention –

(Permits valid for 1 year)

Cyprus	Iceland ¹	Ireland	Malta	Spain ³
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List of EU/EEA Countries signed up only to the 1926 Paris Convention –

(Permits valid for 1 year)

Liechtenstein

IDP no longer legally required

IDP still required

For those countries no longer requiring an IDP some have restricted the period for which temporary exemption is granted:

¹for periods up to 30 days

²for periods up to 90 days

³for periods up to six months

For peace of mind when driving abroad you can still obtain an IDP at a cost of £13 from Driver and Vehicle Licensing at Edward T Wheadon House, Le Truchot, St. Peter Port in the above accepted countries should you wish. **In some exempted countries you may still be asked to provide an IDP if you are hiring a car.**

A full list of IDP requirements for driving in a non-EU / EEA country is included in the Detailed Guidance Note.

Exchanging Driving Licence entitlement if moving to live in the EU / EEA

List of Countries for which driving entitlement **should** now be exchanged:

UK	Jersey	Isle of Man
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Plus:

Austria ²	Bulgaria	Czech Republic	Denmark ¹	Estonia	
Finland ¹	France	Germany ²	Gibraltar	Hungary	Iceland
Ireland	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta
Netherlands	Norway	Poland	Portugal ¹	Romania	Slovakia ³
Slovenia	Sweden				

¹Exchange in categories A, A1, A2 & B only

²Licences only valid for driving for 6 months but can still be exchanged thereafter if still valid

³Must exchange within 60 days of taking up residency

List of Countries which **may** require you to take a driving test:

Belgium	Croatia	Cyprus	Greece
Italy ¹	Spain ¹	Switzerland	

¹ Countries that are currently known to be refusing to exchange Bailiwick of Guernsey Driving Licences (negotiations ongoing with Italy and Spain to permit exchange)

For the latest information on mutual recognition and exchange of driving licences, please use the following link to the UK guidance on these matters - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu-uk-licence-holders-living-in-the-eu#czech-republic>