



Driving a JCT600 VLS Leased Vehicle in the EU post Brexit

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International Driving Permit:

Overview of driving licence and vehicle document requirements in the event of a no deal scenario for the UK leaving the EU.

In the event that there is no EU Exit deal, you may need an International Driving Permit (IDP) in addition to your UK driving licence to drive in EU and EEA countries.

Whether there is a deal or not it is likely to be even more important to ensure the correct documentation is carried by UK resident driving in EU and EEA countries. This includes the Vehicle on Hire certificate for vehicles which are hired or leased.

What is an IDP?

An IDP is a document which when carried with a UK driving licence gives UK drivers authority to drive a motor vehicle outside of the UK, including EU countries.

UK drivers may also require an IDP to hire a vehicle abroad.

If you hold a UK driving licence you will not need an IDP to drive when visiting Ireland should the UK leave the EU with No Deal.

There are two types of IDP:

1. One type if governed by the [1949 Geneva Convention on Road Traffic](#)
2. The second type is governed by the [1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic](#)

The version of the IDP required will depend on the EU country being visited and which convention the country is party to. You can check what IDP you may need [here](#).

Obtaining an IDP

An IDP can be obtained over the counter at your local [Post Office](#).

International driving permits will cost £5.50 and the driver must be a GB or Northern Ireland resident, have passed their driving test and be 18 or over.

Vehicle registration documents

If the UK leaves the EU with no deal, you should carry your vehicle registration documents with you when driving abroad for less than 12 months. This can be either:

- your [vehicle log book \(V5C\)](#), if you have one
- a [VE013b](#) to show you're allowed to use your hired or leased vehicle abroad

More about [taking a vehicle out of the UK for less than 12 months](#).

Number plates and national identifiers

Following the UK's exit from the EU, it is recommended that you display a GB sticker on the rear of your vehicle, irrespective of whether you currently have a number plate which includes the GB identifier. JCT600 VLS will provide a GB sticker as part of the VE103 request.

More about [displaying number plates](#).

Moving to or living in the EU

In the event of a 'no-deal scenario' and the UK leaves the EU you will no longer be able to exchange your UK driving licence for an EU driving licence issued from the EU you will be living in. Instead you will be required to take a new driving test in that country, subject to the laws of that country.

Nevertheless, to avoid this, affected drivers are able to exchange their UK driving licence for one from the EU country they are going to live in before the UK leaves the EU. This will prevent having to take a new driving test in the EU country, if required. UK licence holders who do this will still have the right to re-exchange for a UK driving licence if they return to live in the UK.

Moving to, visiting or living in the UK

From 31 October 2019, if there is not EU Exit deal, arrangements for EU and EEA licence holders who are visiting or living in the UK will not change.

Visitors with EU and EEA driving licences will not need an IDP to drive in the UK.

EU and EEA licence holders visiting the UK can continue to drive on valid EU and EEA licences.

For EU licence holders who passed their test in the EU or EEA, the EU will continue to [exchange their licence](#).

Further information

The UK Government has published a [step by step guide](#) to help individuals and businesses to understand what is required and what steps need to be taken when taking vehicles abroad.

Miscellaneous:

Air Pollution – France

We would like to draw your attention to the new regulations that have been introduced in France to tackle pollution. The new regulations mean that you are now required to display a new vehicle emissions sticker in your vehicle should you be travelling in Paris, Lyon, Grenoble and Lille. For more information click here – <https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/en/>.

Penalty fines occurred whilst driving abroad

New European rulings relating to driver penalty fines occurred whilst driving abroad are delaying the processing of fines and are making it extremely difficult for us to transfer liability to the driver. In line with other leasing company's we wish to inform you that we will now pay / recharge these fines instead of transferring them.