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International Driving Permit Country List

Retailer guide



Finding the right permit for your customers



DVLA International Driving Permits (IDPs) allow people to drive in over 140 countries which ask for this additional document alongside a GB, or Northern Ireland driving licence.

There are three types of IDP, depending on the country that the customer will be driving in. This guide tells you which they'll need for their trip, so you can always issue the right one.

Who can apply for an IDP

Anyone over the age of 18 who holds a full GB or Northern Ireland driving licence - whether that's a photocard or paper version - can apply for an IDP.

- Check they have a full valid GB or Northern Ireland driving licence.
- Check that their photograph meets the criteria and compare the image with photo ID provided
- Fill in the permit with the customer's details
- Get the customer to sign the permit
- Stick the photo into the permit
- Check & stamp the photo and permit
- Process the IDP transaction through your PayPoint terminal
- Take payment from the customer
- Hand the completed permit to the customer
- All done



Every country is different

The permit requirements vary from country to country. The customer must check the rules of the country they're visiting, and decide which permit is needed. They also need to check that any permits they have are valid.

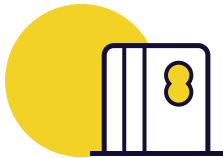
If they intend to drive in more than one country, they may need more than one type of IDP.



Who cannot get a permit

Anyone that is under 18, or that has a provisional GB or Northern Ireland license.

Diplomatic driving licenses or driver's licences issued in a foreign country, as well as those issued in the Channel Islands, Gibraltar, or the Isle of Man, are not eligible to apply for an IDP. They must get in touch with the organisation in charge of issuing their licences in their home nations.



How customers can pay

An IDP costs £5.50. Customers must be able to pay in cash or by debit or credit card.



How long IDPs are valid for

The 1926 and 1949 permits are valid for 1 year from the issue date. The 1968 permit is valid for 3 years, or until the holder's driving licence expires, whichever is earlier.



Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Albania	1968	
Algeria	1949	
Andorra	1949	
Argentina	1949	
Armenia	1968	
Australia	1949	
Austria	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.
Azerbaijan	1968	
Bahamas	1968	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Bahrain	1968	IDP needed for car hire, and for stays longer than 90 days. The customer must get their permit certified by local authorities when they arrive.
Bangladesh	1949	
Barbados	1949	

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Chile	1949	
Congo	1949	
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	1968	
Croatia	None	If the customer holds a paper driving license, they may need a 1968 IDP. Tell the customer to check with the Croatian Embassy.
Cuba	1968	
Cyprus	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for visits up to 30 days. For visits longer than 30 days they will need a 1949 IDP. If they hold a paper driving license, they may need a 1949 IDP for any length of visit. Tell the customer to check with the High Commission of Cyprus.
Czech Republic	None	If the customer holds a paper driving license, they may need a 1968 IDP. Tell them to check with the Czech Embassy.
Democratic Republic of Congo	1968	

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Denmark	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 90 days.
Dominican Republic	1949	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 90 days.
Ecuador	1949	
Egypt	1949	
Estonia	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for up to 90 days in any 180-day period. If they hold a paper driving licence they may need a 1968 IDP. Tell them to check with the Estonian Embassy.
Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)	1949	If the customer has an older, paper UK driving license, they must take another for of photographic ID, such as their passport. They may need to show an IDP to their insurance company if they're involved in an accident.
Fiji	1949	
Finland	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.
France	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
French Polynesia	1968	
Georgia	1968	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Germany	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 6 months. If they hold a paper driving license, they may need a 1968 IDP. Tell the customer to check with the German Embassy.
Ghana	1949	
Greece	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.
Guam	1949	An IDP is needed for stays longer than 30 days. If the customer has an older, paper UK driving license, they must take another form of photographic ID, such as their passport. They may need to show an IDP to their insurance company if they're involved in an accident.
Guatemala	1949	
Guyana	1968	
Haiti	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Hungary	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 12 months. If they hold a paper driving license, they may need a 1968 IDP. Tell them to check with the Hungarian Embassy.
Iceland	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 30 days.
India	1949	
Indonesia	1968	
Iran	1968	
Iraq	1968	
Ireland	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 12 months.
Israel	1968	
Italy	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.
Jamaica	1949	

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Japan	1949	
Jordan	1949	
Kazakhstan	1968	
Kenya	1968	IDP needed or stays longer than 90 days.
Kuwait	1968	
Kyrgyzstan	1968	
Laos	1949	
Latvia	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.
Lebanon	1949	
Lesotho	1949	
Liberia	1968	
Libya	1949	

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Liechtenstein	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.
Lithuania	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 6 months.
Luxembourg	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 6 months.
Macao (Macau)	1949	
Madagascar	1949	
Malawi	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Malaysia (Sabah)	1949	
Mali	1949	
Malta	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 12 months. If they hold a paper driving licence, they may need a 1949 IDP. Tell them to check with the Malta High Commission.
Mexico	1926	

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Moldova	1968	
Monaco	1968	
Mongolia	1968	
Montenegro	1968	
Morocco	1968	
Myanmar (formerly Burma)	1968	
Namibia	1949	An IDP needed for car hire. If the customer has an older, paper UK driving licence, they must take another form of photographic ID, such as their passport. They may need to show an IDP to their insurance company if they're involved in an accident.
Nepal	1968	
Netherlands	None	The customer does not need an IDP to drive here.
New Zealand	1949	

Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Niger	1968	
Nigeria	1968	
North Macedonia	1968	
Norway	None	An IDP is not required to drive here for periods up to 90 days. If the customer holds a paper driving licence they may need a 1968 IDP. Tell the customer to check with the Norwegian Embassy.
Pakistan	1968	
Papua New Guinea	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 30 days.
Paraguay	1949	
Peru	1968	
Philippines	1968	IDP needed for car hire, and for stays longer than 90 days.
Poland	None	Customers do not need an IDP to drive here for periods up to 6 months.



Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Portugal	1968	You can use a UK, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, or Isle of Man photocard driving licence to drive for periods up to 185 days without an IDP. If you're hiring a car, you should check if the car hire company says you need an IDP. If you have a paper driving licence, you'll need to update it to a photocard licence or get an IDP.
Qatar	1968	
Romania	None	If the customer holds a paper driving licence, they may need a 1968 IDP. Tell them to check with the Romanian Embassy.
Russian Federation	1968	
Rwanda	1949	
San Marino	1968	
Saudi Arabia	1968	IDP needed for car hire.
Senegal	1968	
Serbia	1968	
Seychelles	1968	

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Sierra Leone	1949	
Singapore	1949	IDP needed for car hire, and for stays longer than 30 days.
Slovakia	None	An IDP is not required to drive here for periods up to 6 months. For visits longer than 6 months customers need a 1968 IDP.
Slovenia	None	An IDP is not required to drive here for periods up to 90 days.
Somalia	1926	
South Africa	1968	If the customer has an older, paper UK driving licence, they must take another form of photographic ID, such as their passport. They may need to show an IDP to their insurance company if they're involved in an accident.
South Korea	1949	
Spain (including Balearic and Canary Isles)	None	An IDP is not required to drive here for periods up to 6 months.

Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Sri Lanka	1949	As well as the IDP, the customer must get a Sri Lankan recognition permit from the Automobile Association of Ceylon (AAC) in Colombo.
St. Lucia	1949	Customers will need to show their UK driving licence or IDP to the police to get a visitor's licence.
St. Vincent	1949	Customers will need to show their UK driving licence or IDP to the police to get a visitor's licence.
Sweden	None	IDP needed for stays longer than 12 months.
Switzerland	None	An IDP is not required to drive here.
Syria	1949	
Tajikistan	1968	
Taiwan	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 30 days.
Thailand	1968	
Togo	1949	

Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Trinidad & Tobago	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Tunisia	1968	
Turkey	1968	
Turkmenistan	1968	
Uganda	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Ukraine	1968	
United Arab Emirates	1968	
United States of America	1949	If the customer has an older, paper UK driving licence, they must take another form of photographic ID, such as their passport. They may need to show an IDP to their insurance company if they're involved in an accident.
Uruguay	1968	
Uzbekistan	1968	
Vatican City	1949	

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Country or territory	Type of IDP	More Information
Venezuela	1949	
Vietnam	1968	
Zimbabwe	1968	



Categories Table

IDP type (and category) to be stamped

Category on driving licence presented	1926*	1949	1968
AM	C	A	A1
A1	C	A	A1
A2	C	A	A, A1
A	C	A	A, A1
B1	A	B	B1
B	A	B	B
BE	A	B, E	BE
C1	B	C	C1
C1E	B	C, E	C1E, BE
C	B	C	C
CE	B	C, E	CE
D1	B	D	D1
D1E	B	D, E	D1E
D	B	D	D
DE	B	D, E	DE
p (before 19.01.13)	C	A	A1
q, f, g, h, k	These codes are not applicable to International Driving Permits as they are not internationally recognised categories		

Groups on licence Applicable only to paper licences issued before June 1990	1926*	1949	1968
A	A, B	B, C, D, E	A1, B, B1, C1, D1, D1E, C1E, BE
B	A, B	B, C, D, E	A1, B, B1, C1, D1, D1E, C1E, BE
C	A	B	B1
D	C	A	A, A1
E	C	A	A1

*If code 122 is present on licence, do not stamp C on 1926 permit

Important information to remember

Spoils



If you spoil a permit and it's not usable:

Please complete a spoils transaction on your PayPoint terminal to ensure your stock is accounted for correctly.

To ensure customer data is kept confidential, strike through any customer details with a pen so they're unreadable.

Please shred, or cut up the permit, to remove any chance of private data being readable.

Stock returns



If any stock needs to be returned, please email

contactus@paypoint.com

or **call 0330 400 0000**

Complaints



If a customer wishes to complain or seek a refund, they should email

contactus@paypoint.com

or **call 0330 400 0000**



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