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An information guide



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I have been told that I have a medical condition which could affect my driving. What should I do next?

- Inform the DVLA and your motor insurance company
- You may wish to voluntarily surrender your licence to the DVLA, which has advantages for you should you wish to apply in the future for your licence to be restored
- You **MUST NOT** drive until the DVLA have advised that you can do so.

The DVLA can be contacted in the following ways:

Post: DVLA, Drivers' Medical Group, Swansea, SA99 1TU

Telephone: 0300 790 6806 Monday – Friday 08:00 – 17:30 and Saturday 08:00 – 13:00

Up to date contact details, forms which can be downloaded, and further information are available on the DVLA website: www.dvla.gov.uk

What if I don't inform the DVLA and my insurance company?

It is your legal duty as a licence holder to inform the DVLA and your insurance company if you have been advised that you have or may have a medical condition that could affect your ability to drive.

If you do not inform the DVLA and insurance company and have an accident your insurance will be void. You will be held responsible for the accident and be liable for all costs.

What will happen after I inform the DVLA?

You will need to complete a detailed questionnaire outlining your medical condition(s) and giving consent allowing other medical practitioners details of your case.

You may then be required to:

- Do nothing
- Be examined by a locally appointed medical practitioner
- Undergo a driving assessment

The previous steps will not be necessary at this stage if you are voluntarily surrendering your licence, but may be necessary in the future if you apply for your licence to be restored.

What could happen after I inform the DVLA?

You May:

- Retain your licence
- Retain a limited period licence requiring you to renew your licence after a set period
- Retain a licence requiring modifications to be made to your vehicle
- Your licence may be revoked, with advice given on when you can re-apply for your licence

How long does it take?

The DVLA aim to make a decision on over 95% of cases within 15 days if this decision can be based on the original questionnaire which you supply. It will take longer if they need further information from other sources.

If English is not your first language and you need help, please contact the Interpretation and Translation Service

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