

ARE YOU A UK NATIONAL AND STRUGGLING
WITH YOUR RESIDENCY APPLICATION?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

Exchange
driving license

IF YOU ARE A UK NATIONAL LIVING IN SPAIN

If you are a UK national living in Spain, you must ensure you are correctly registered as a resident, now that the UK has left the EU. Through the [UK Nationals Support Fund](#), set up by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, IOM provides support to UK nationals to help with their residency applications, through a phone helpline, email or face-to-face case support.

All our services are free of charge. IOM's full support is available in Madrid, Andalusia and Murcia where our legal advisors are based. However, UK nationals living in other parts of Spain (Castilla La Mancha, Castilla-León and Extremadura), and who are struggling with their residency applications, are eligible to receive support through email and telephone contact.

HOW TO EXCHANGE YOUR DRIVING LICENCE FOR A SPANISH DRIVING LICENCE

The DGT (*Dirección General de Tráfico*) has established a new way to exchange your driving licence now that the 31st December is approaching. This new procedure can be found [here](#):

<https://sede.dgt.gob.es/es/permisos-de-conducir/canje-permisos/canje-permisos-extranjeros/canje-renovacion-sustitucion-uk/canje-permisos-uk/index.shtml>

Do I need to exchange my UK driving licence?

If you want to continue driving in Spain, you will have to validate, renew or replace your UK permit for its Spanish equivalent. In order to do it, you must:

1. Hold a valid UK driving licence.
2. Have your residence in Spain.
3. Submit the application before the 30th December 2020.

If you follow this procedure, you will not have to wait for a new agreement between Spain and the UK and you will benefit from the same conditions just like before the Withdrawal Agreement.

How does the procedure work?

From the 16th November 2020, you will have to take the following steps if you want to benefit from this procedure:

1. Previous application

Firstly, you would need to fill in a "pre-application", so UK authorities can verify the validity of your driving licence.

This previous step must be done before the 30th December 2020. You can do it online (you would need a digital

certificate in order to do it) or you can request an appointment by phone calling 060.

2. Submit your application

Secondly, and after two working days, within a period of six months, since you have submitted the previous application, you need to request an appointment. The day of the appointment you need to bring your driving licence, an ID picture, your green certificate or new TIE document and proof of address (padrón). Also, if you are going to renew your UK driving licence, you will need to bring a health certificate proving that you meet the conditions to drive.

How can I get an appointment?

You can call 060 (call from Spain) or you can do it online [here](#):

https://sedeapl.dgt.gob.es:7443/WEB_NCIT_CONSULTA/solicitarCita.faces

Which documents will I need?

The application form can be found [here](#): <https://sede.dgt.gob.es/sede-es-taticos/Galerias/modelos-solicitud/03/SOLICITUD-CANJE-UK.pdf>

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You would also need the following documentation:

1. ID and residence proof: Valid National Identity Document, TIE or green certificate or passport and any other document requested by the Traffic Headquarters where the exchange application is processed.
2. UK Driving licence card and paper counterpart. Valid original licence and a photocopy
3. A recent ID 32 x 26 mm photograph in colour
4. Tax fee: It can be paid on-site with your credit card. The cost is 28.30 €. There are three methods of payment: online at www.dgt.es, by card at Traffic Departments, by direct debit from a bank account, or in cash at financial institutions (model form 791 available at Traffic Departments and on www.dgt.es)
5. If you are going to renew your UK driving licence you also need a health certificate certifying you can drive in Spain.

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