



DRIVING LICENCE CHECK INFORMATION SHEET

Companies are recommended to check drivers' licences with the DVLA. This quick exercise protects a company from inadvertently using a driver with an out of date or fraudulent licence.

The consent of the driver must be given. The DVLA report gives information on:

- The licence validity dates
- The categories of vehicle that the driver can drive
- If there are any current endorsements on the licence
- If the driver is disqualified
- Periodic training

SERVICES OFFERED:

Electronic checking service

The Electric Driver Entitlement Checking Service (EDECS) - a secure online service that gives an answer the next working day. The company must pass accreditation checks and enter into a contract with DVLA.

Cost - set-up costs plus £1.50 per enquiry.

For more information about EDECS email decs@dval.gsi.gov.uk

By post

A driver's entitlement can also be checked by post.

Cost - £5.00 per enquiry

For more information about the postal service email drivers_fpe@dvla.gsi.gov.uk

By phone

Telephone the DVLA on 0906 1393837

The driver must provide consent for the enquiry. They can do this by calling 0300 7906801 before the Company calls or they can be present when the Company calls

Lines are open Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 2pm. Calls cost 51 p per minute.

By fax

This service provides a yes or no answer by fax. It's available to vehicle finance organisations that suspect a fraudulent driving licence has been used.

Costs - £5 per enquiry

For more information about the fax service email drivers_fpe@dvla.gsi.gov.uk