

Driving Licence Checking Facility



Why do we need to check driving licences?

Department for Transport research has concluded that over 553,000 hours per month are spent on the road by unlicensed drivers. Industry statistics show that nearly one in three of all business mileage drivers have penalty points on their licence. Every day, the DVLA revoke driver's licences with or without the driver's knowledge. The photo card driving licence which was introduced in 1998 has a ten year validity period. Those issued in 1998 started to expire in 2008. In our experience, over 80% of drivers holding these licences are unaware they expire and need renewing.

The law concerning transport continues to evolve and in particular the changes relating to the 'Corporate Manslaughter Act 2008', and 'Section 87 (2) Road Traffic Act 1988' which states, "It is an offence for a person to cause or permit another person to drive on a road, a motor vehicle of any class if that person is not the holder of a licence authorising him/her to drive a motor vehicle or of that class".

This means the employer is liable for ensuring all reasonable and practicable steps to guarantee this has to be implemented. Penalties can be severe and in the most serious cases, custodial sentences may be imposed.

What sort of checks should be conducted?

The only way to ensure the driving licence is valid at the time of the check is via the DVLA, visual checking and taking a copy cannot ensure the licence is current or valid for the class of vehicle being driven on Company business.

Frequency of these checks is dependent on your Company Policy and number of points on a driving licence.

Why use IAM RoadSmart for your Licence Checks?

Our unique software application proven to be invaluable to many companies in the management of their on road related duty of care programme. The system has the capability to assist with many other aspects of fleet management including automatically reminding both the fleet manager/line manager and the individual driver of important dates: for example MOT, Road Fund Licence and Insurance expiry dates.

- We believe our advanced software makes us the only company able to offer driving licence checks, with this unique and almost 100% electronic solution with only the pre-populated mandate forms requiring a signature.
- This is a web based system and can be accessed and monitored by you and any of your authorised users anywhere in the world.
- Conduct a licence check at the click of a button without the need to contact us first.
- It is a versatile system with additional functionalities in order to assist with Road Risk Management and Duty of Care Driving Policies. For example the system can provide individual driving risk assessments, e-learning packages and data management.

How do I conduct a Driving Licence Check?

The procedure is very user friendly and is broken down into three distinct processes:

1. Obtaining authorisation via the pre-populated mandate form, this form must be signed by the licence holder and returned to us. This mandate form is valid for a period of 3 years.
2. Electronically request the DVLA check.
3. The results of the licence check are fed back in to our online system, where any results requiring attention will be flagged up, as well as each check being stored against the individual driver.

Driving licence check will return results to the management system within 48-72 hours of each check being carried out.

Please speak to your Business Manager or Account Manager to discuss tailored solutions or to purchase our standard policies and handbooks.

For further details and to find out how IAM RoadSmart can assist you and your fleet, contact us:

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