

From Monday 8th June 2015 the DVLA will no longer be issuing paper counterpart driving licences and will retain any sent in.

This means insurers, hire car companies etc can no longer accept paper counterparts as proof of convictions or a clean licence as they no longer have any legal status. Convictions (penalty points) will only be stored electronically.

If insurers, car hire companies etc need to see a copy of your driving licence you will need to take the following action:

1. Log onto <https://www.viewdrivingrecord.service.gov.uk/driving-record/licence-number> with your National Insurance number, driving licence number and postcode.
2. A unique code can then be obtained which is valid for 72 hours, this code entitles a third party to check your licence whether it's an insurance company or car hire company.
3. The driver supplies the third party requesting the information with the last 8 characters of their driving licence and this unique code which can be input here: <https://www.viewdrivingrecord.service.gov.uk/driving-record/validate>
4. The third party can then view their licence and print to a pdf

The only exception is for paper licences issued before 1998 where the driver doesn't have a photocard licence, however these should be phased out. If the driver needs to make changes to his/her licence then only a photocard will be available moving forward.

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