

Extension Q&A (with entitlement added) 31/07/20

1. Will the 7 month extension apply to all full licence holders?

The extension applies if your photocard or your entitlement to drive expires between 1 February and 31 August 2020.

This includes licence holders who need to renew their entitlement from the age of 70. It will also apply to those who hold a bus or lorry licence from the age of 45, who need to renew every 5 years. It will also apply to drivers with medical conditions on short period licences.

The extension does not remove the obligation on drivers to notify the DVLA of the onset or worsening of a medical condition. Drivers must [notify](#) DVLA if a medical condition may impact on their ability to drive safely. Failure to do so is an offence.

2. Does the extension apply to provisional licences?

No.

3. Does the extension apply where disqualification periods have expired?

No.

4. Why is the extension only applicable for driving licences that expired between 1 February and 31 August?

This timescale/date is specified in EU legislation.

5. I am licence holder from another Member State, can I still drive in the UK if my licence has expired?

You will need to check with the licensing authority that issued your licence to see if they have adopted this temporary measure. If the issuing authority has adopted the measure to extend the licence validity, this will be recognised in GB.

6. I am a GB licence holder, can I still drive in another EU Member State?

Yes.

7. Will my driver record automatically be updated with the extension?

The driver record will show the details currently held on your driving licence. Your record will be updated once you have made an application to renew at the end of the extension period. However, the extension will automatically apply

8. Will you be sending reminders to people before the extensions expires?

Yes.

9. Will drivers face enforcement action if they drive with an expired licence?

No, drivers with a 7 month extension period will not be committing an offence.

10. Will my insurance still be valid?

DVLA has engaged with the insurance industry to advise that the validity period of driving licences has been extended, but if you have any concerns about your insurance you should check with your insurance provider.

11. Will you be refunding those customers that have renewed their licence since 1 February?

No. If you have renewed your driving licence since 1 February 2020 you'll have a photocard valid for 10 years so no refund will be payable.

12. Will the extended expiry of my driving licence be shown on the <https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence> online service?

No, information for these services are taken directly from the driver record. All relevant parties such as the Police, insurance industry and car hire companies etc. have been advised of the extension period.

13. I am a company checking a driving licence, if the licence has expired between 1 February and 31 August 2020 do I just add 7 months from the expiry date and accept this?

Yes.

14. I've sent an application to DVLA and waiting for it to be processed. Does this extension apply to me?

If a driver has applied to DVLA to renew their photocard or their entitlement, they may continue to drive while DVLA is considering their application, providing they have not been told by their doctor or optician that they should not drive. Further information is available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/inf1886-can-i-drive-while-my-application-is-with-dvla

By law, all drivers must ensure that they always meet the medical standards for fitness to drive when driving. Information about driving with a medical condition is available on GOV.UK .

15. I've sent an application to DVLA to renew my short period medical licence, but you wrote to tell me you have written to my GP for further information. Can I withdraw my application for the extension to apply to me?

If a driver has applied to DVLA to renew their entitlement, they may continue to drive while DVLA is considering their application providing they have not been told by their doctor or optician that they should not drive. Further information is available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/inf1886-can-i-drive-while-my-application-is-with-dvla

By law, all drivers must make sure that they always meet the medical standards for fitness to drive when driving. Information about driving with a medical condition is available at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/disability-health-condition> on GOV.UK.

If a driver withdraws their application, they will not be covered to drive. The entitlement extension does not apply to a driver who withdraws an application.

16. Does the 7 month extension apply to the implied C1/D1 entitlements I currently have on my valid licence?

Yes.