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Technical Notice – No Deal Brexit – Further country specific information with regard to driving abroad

HMGoG has issued three Technical Notices explaining the steps that should be taken prior to driving abroad in case of a No-Deal Brexit.

By way of further clarification, this Notice provides country specific information regarding individual International Driving Permit requirements. The clarifications provided in this Notice represent the position applicable as of 28 March 2019.

Obtaining an International Driving Permit

Individuals can obtain an International Driving Permit (“IDP”) from the Motor Vehicle Test Centre.

IDP’s will be issued subject to the payment of a £6.00 fee and applicants must:

- be a resident of Gibraltar;
- have a full Gibraltar driving licence;
- produce two passport size photographs;
- produce proof of residence (Identity card);
- produce an existing driving licence (or a photocopy).

A 1949 IDP will expire after 12 months.

A 1968 IDP will expire after 3 years or once your Gibraltar driving licence expires, whichever comes first.

Please check the countries below as the position has changed as from 28 March 2019.

If you have obtained a 1949 IDP to drive in a country which is listed as a country requiring a 1968 IDP, please note that the 1949 IDP will no longer be valid for driving in that country and, in case of a No-Deal Brexit, you will need to obtain a 1968 IDP.

The position with respect to Spain has not changed and remains as stated in HMGoG’s last Technical Notice on this subject which is repeated below.



Check which IDP you need

Driving in EU and EEA Countries

1968 IDP:

In case of a No-Deal Brexit you may need a 1968 IDP to drive in these EU/EEA Member States:

Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Croatia	Czech Republic
Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Greece	Hungary	Italy	Latvia	Lithuania
Luxembourg	Netherlands	Norway	Poland	Portugal
Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Sweden	

1949 IDP:

In case of a No-Deal Brexit you may need a 1949 IDP to drive in these EU/EEA Member States:

- Cyprus
- Iceland
- Malta
- Spain

As previously confirmed by HMGoG, the Spanish Government clarified on 20 March 2019 that Spain will continue to accept existing driving licenses issued in the United Kingdom and in Gibraltar for a period of nine months from exit day. Therefore, there is no need for an IDP in order to drive in Spain during that time for holders of UK and Gibraltar-issued licenses who live in Spain or who travel to Spain for leisure purposes.

Ireland has ratified the 1949 road traffic convention but does not require foreign drivers to carry an IDP in addition to their driving licence. As such, if you hold a Gibraltar driving licence you will not need an IDP to drive in Ireland as from EU exit day.

1926 IDP:

In case of a No-Deal Brexit, you may need a 1926 IDP to drive in Liechtenstein



Driving in other third countries

In some countries, you will only need to get a permit in certain situations. For example, if you are hiring a car, or if you will be there for more than 30 days.

If you are travelling through more than one country, you might need more than one type of IDP.

If the country you are visiting is not included in the table below, you should check the position with the embassy of the country that you are travelling to. If you are hiring a car, check with your car hire company.

Country	Type of IDP required as from 28 th March onwards in case of a No-Deal Brexit	Other requirements
Albania	1968	
Algeria	1949	
Argentina	1949	
Armenia	1968	
Australia	1949	
Azerbaijan	1968	
Bahamas	1968	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Bahrain	1968	IDP needed for car hire, and for stays longer than 90 days. You must get your permit certified by local authorities when you arrive.
Bangladesh	1949	
Barbados	1949	
Belarus	1968	
Benin	1949	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1968	
Botswana	1949	IDP needed for car hire.



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Brazil	1968	You need to get a certified translation of your IDP from the British consulate.
Burkina Faso	1949	
Cambodia	1949	
Canada	1949	
Cape Verde	1968	
Central African Republic	1968	
Chile	1949	
Congo	1949	
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	1968	
Cuba	1968	
Democratic Republic of Congo	1968	
Dominican Republic	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Ecuador	1949	
Egypt	1949	
Eswatini (previously Swaziland)	1968	You may need to show an IDP to your insurance company if you're involved in an accident.
Fiji	1949	
French Polynesia	1968	
Georgia	1968	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.



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Ghana	1949	
Guam	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 30 days. You may need to show an IDP to your insurance company if you are involved in an accident.
Guatemala	1949	
Guyana	1968	
Haiti	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
India	1949	
Iran	1968	
Iraq	1968	
Israel	1968	
Jamaica	1949	
Japan	1949	
Jordan	1949	
Kazakhstan	1968	
Kenya	1968	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Kuwait	1968	
Kyrgyzstan	1968	
Laos	1949	
Lebanon	1949	
Lesotho	1949	
Liberia	1968	



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Madagascar	1949	
Malawi	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Malaysia (Sabah)	1949	
Mali	1949	
Mexico	1926	
Moldova	1968	
Monaco	1968	
Mongolia	1968	
Montenegro	1968	
Morocco	1968	
Namibia	1949	IDP needed for car hire. You may need to show an IDP to your insurance company if you are involved in an accident.
New Zealand	1949	
Niger	1968	
Nigeria	1949	
North Macedonia	1968	
Pakistan	1968	
Papua New Guinea	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 30 days.
Paraguay	1949	
Peru	1968	
Philippines	1968	IDP needed for car hire, and for stays longer than 90 days.



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Qatar	1968	
Russian Federation	1968	
Rwanda	1949	
San Marino	1968	
Saudi Arabia	1968	IDP needed for car hire.
Senegal	1968	
Serbia	1968	
Seychelles	1968	
Sierra Leone	1949	
Singapore	1949	IDP needed for car hire, and for stays longer than 30 days.
Somalia	1926	
South Africa	1968	You may need to show an IDP to your insurance company if you are involved in an accident.
South Korea	1949	
Sri Lanka	1949	As well as the IDP, you must get a Sri Lankan recognition permit from the Automobile Association of Ceylon (AAC) in Colombo.
St. Lucia	1949	Show your Gibraltar driving licence or IDP to the police to get a visitor's licence.
St. Vincent	1949	Show your Gibraltar driving licence or IDP to the police to get a visitor's licence.
Syria	1949	



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Tajikistan	1968	
Thailand	1949	
Togo	1949	
Trinidad & Tobago	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Tunisia	1968	
Turkey	1968	
Turkmenistan	1968	
Uganda	1949	IDP needed for stays longer than 90 days.
Ukraine	1968	
United Arab Emirates	1968	
United States	1949	You may need to show an IDP to your insurance company if you are involved in an accident.
Uruguay	1968	
Uzbekistan	1968	
Vatican City	1949	
Venezuela	1949	
Vietnam	1968	
Zimbabwe	1968	