

# Online licence checking

**It is vital that every company has a 'Driving at Work' policy in place covering every element of their business vehicle operation, no matter how few vehicles are involved and who owns them.**

Every employee driving for business is required to sign up to the policy. In this way directors can reduce the risk of being prosecuted and a possible custodial sentence.

## **Why do you need to check driving licences?**

Industry statistics show that nearly one in three business mileage drivers have penalty points on their licence. Employers have a duty of care to ensure that employees driving on business hold a valid driving licence. If they do not, they are driving illegally.

Every day, the DVLA revoke licences with or without the driver's knowledge. The photo card driving licence which was introduced in 1998 has a ten year validity period.

Our experience shows that over 80% of all drivers are unaware they expire and need renewing. Others are also unaware their address is no longer valid.

## **Duty of care**

In the UK, in April 2008, the Corporate Manslaughter Act was strengthened to target company directors as well as their drivers in cases of road deaths involving vehicles used on business.

The police now treat every road death as 'an unlawful killing' and have the power to seize company records and computers during their investigations. They could bring prosecutions against company directors who fail to provide clear policies and guidance for their employees driving at work.

Directors and business owners may not be aware that privately owned vehicles used for business journeys are treated exactly the same as company owned vehicles. Directors have an equal responsibility under the law to ensure these vehicles are also roadworthy and correctly insured.

## **A simple solution to your licence checking needs**

Drivercheck is the UK's leading licence checking company. They offer a simple, low cost, yet comprehensive licence checking service, which simplifies and reduces administrative overheads for businesses. Its services are all GDPR compliant.

At the click of a button, Drivercheck can provide:

- Web-based and encrypted information fully managed service with alerts and reports
- Traffic light system for easy click through to drivers
- Alerts on expired photo cards and non-address matches
- Commercial driver category expiry alert and reports
- Digital drivers card expiry dates
- Endorsements grouped and highlighted
- Information on licence type held - full, provisional, expired, revoked, disqualified
- Drivers with medical issues.

The rechecking of licences is carried out electronically and individually set up for each user. New starters, leavers and one-off checks are easily added.

## **E-Consent has arrived at Drivercheck!**

If your drivers have an email address, we can send them an invitation to enter a six stage process to give their authority to allow DriverCheck to check their driving licence

## What this means

New drivers and existing drivers (approaching renewal), can give their consent electronically by email  
= **less paper, less administration for employers.**

All reporting of driver data remains the same via our 'user friendly' website

## Saving time and money

If you are already using the DVLA for licence checks, this is great news and means that you are compliant and demonstrating a duty of care.

However, the DVLA system is paper based through their fee paying section, £5.00 per check. Checks can take up to two weeks to process.

Moving to the Drivercheck system could save you time and money. Drivercheck will give you secure access to view all your checks online and also see daily/weekly reports.

Checks are immediate/real time, why pay more and wait longer?

The same applies if you are using another third party to carry out your licence checks. The savings could be substantial if you were to move to Drivercheck. We can show you the best way to transfer the driver data over and assist with new mandate forms.

## Preferential rates available for QBE clients

QBE has negotiated a preferential rate of £2.75 plus VAT per UK electronic licence check. For any super-sized client – a driver fleet at say 10,000 checks pa, we will offer a further discount on the tariff, on a case by case basis.

Other services Drivercheck can provide include CPC driver monitoring and digital tacho card data.

Grey Fleet management through Drivercheck will assist all organisations to ensure that all cash allowance drivers are compliant with valid insurance, MOT, road tax and have business use cover. Costs for this service are £0.60 pppm or £7.20 p.a.

## Find out more

If you require more information on the services DriverCheck delivers on behalf of QBE, or would like a live demonstration of our system, please contact your QBE Risk Management representative via email at **QBE@drivercheck.co.uk**. Alternatively contact DriverCheck who will liaise with you and your QBE representative.

## Case Study 1

**DriverCheck recently carried out the first checks on a new clients' drivers, and identified that a long standing employee of the new client had been driving for the last two years whilst his licence was revoked by the DVLA.**

**This occurred because he had failed to send his driving licence to the court after a speeding conviction from two years previously. Clearly the employer had not fulfilled their obligation to check this driver's licence during this period, with the potential consequences being significant. Their insurers were appalled at this lack of 'duty of care'.**

## Case Study 2

**In early 2016, Drivercheck identified a 25 year old driver with 38 points (10 offences within one month – SP30), but still with a full valid licence. This blows away the myth that a ban is automatic at 12 points on the 'totting up' basis, but also demonstrates how quickly the status of a licence can change. The DriverCheck system flagged this up immediately, and was able to alert the employer on the day of the check.**

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