



Online driving licence and grey fleet 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 business owners 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, but does not guarantee the validity of a driver's licence.

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 Others are also unaware their address is no longer valid. Consequently, this is a significant road risk for any employer.

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 (Grey Fleet) 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

Safe2Drive Solutions is the UK's most innovative 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, Safe2Drive Solutions 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 re-checking of licences is carried out electronically and individually set up for each user. New starters, leavers and one-off checks are easily added.

E-Declaration has arrived at Safe2Drive Solutions!

If your drivers have an email address, Safe2Drive Solutions will send an invitation to enter a six-stage process to give their authority to allow Safe2Drive Solutions to check their driving licence status.



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What this means

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

All reporting of driver data remains the same via Safe2Drive Solutions' 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.

Moving to the Safe2Drive Solutions system could save you time and money. Safe2Drive Solutions will give you secure access to view all your checks online and also see daily/weekly reports.

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 Safe2Drive Solutions. Safe2Drive Solutions can show customers the best way to transfer the driver data over and assist with the driver permission process.

Preferential rates available for QBE clients

QBE has negotiated a preferential rate of £2.25 plus VAT per UK electronic licence check, based on two checks per annum.

For any super-sized client (a driver fleet of 1,000 drivers), Safe2Drive Solutions will offer a further discount on the tariff, on a case by case basis.

Other services Safe2Drive Solutions can provide include CPC driver monitoring and digital Tacho card data.

Grey Fleet management through Safe2Drive Solutions 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 per vehicle per month, or £7.20 per annum.

Find out more

If you require more information on the services Safe2Drive Solutions delivers on behalf of QBE, or would like a live demonstration of the Safe2Drive Solutions system, please email us at QBE@safe2drive.co.uk

Added value

> Electronic licence checking - instantaneous results

> Grey Fleet checking - direct from the DVLA

> Paperless, fully electronic processing

> Driver permissions received via a mobile app

> Direct contact for all QBE clients

Credentials

> ISO27001 - Information Security Management System

> Cyber essentials

> Driving for Better Business (DfBB)

> GDPR fully compliant

> Registered with the Information Commissioner's Office

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