



## Introduction of new single part driving licence

The Department of Infrastructure is launching a new single part driving licence in the Isle of Man in February 2016.

This will replace the current two-part licence, which comprises a photocard and paper section, and will bring the Isle of Man into line with most European countries.

If you are renewing your driving licence or applying for a new licence, this change will affect you.

The questions and answers below are intended to provide an overview of what the introduction of the single part driving licence will mean for you.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Vehicle and Driving Test Centre +44 1624 686827.

### **What do I do with my current driving licence?**

You do not need to do anything.

The existing two-part licence will continue to be acknowledged and accepted.

You will receive a replacement card only licence when –

- Your current licence expires and you apply for a renewal
- You replace your current licence after losing it
- You receive an endorsement

### **How will it affect me if I want to hire a car abroad?**

Unlike the UK, all current information, including endorsements, will be printed on your card and will be available for the vehicle rental company to see. You will not need a 'check code' to enable a vehicle rental company to check your details via a link to your driving record. The Isle of Man Vehicle and Driving Test Centre currently deal with requests from vehicle rental companies to confirm driving entitlements and endorsements and will continue to do so if contacted.

## **Why is the Department of Infrastructure introducing a new single part licence?**

Moving to the new system will improve the experience for the driving public, streamline administration processes and bring the Isle of Man into line with other jurisdictions across Europe.

## **What will happen when I pass my driving test?**

The process will remain the same. You still need to apply and pay for a full driving licence.

## **My address is not printed on the new single part driving licence, how will I use this to prove my identity?**

The primary purpose of a driving licence is to prove that you are competent to drive the vehicle you have the licence for.

Your driving licence, although accepted as identification by many bodies, is not primarily for this purpose.

It will be up to the accepting bodies to decide whether they will continue to use your driving licence as identification.

## **Will it cost more to obtain a licence?**

There are from time to time increases in the fees for obtaining a driving licence in order to reflect administration and production costs.

However, there are no plans to introduce an immediate increase in fees as a result of the move to a single part licence.

## **When I apply for a new licence will all the categories of licence that I have now be transferred?**

Yes.