

Driving and the DVLA

Advice if your ability to drive is affected



Supporting you...



Surrendering your licence

Being told you can no longer drive is upsetting. Alongside the inconvenience there can be a loss of independence, of identity and of pleasure. However, for our safety, and the safety of others, we must do the right thing.

The DVLA rules

- You must tell the Driver and Vehicle licensing Agency (DVLA) if you have a brain tumour.
- You must also speak to your doctor, who might tell you to surrender your licence.
- You can be fined up to £1,000 if you don't tell DVLA about a medical condition that affects your driving.
- You may be prosecuted if you're involved in an accident as a result.

Find out more

Your medical professional may have discussed your driving licence with you. The rules are different depending on the type of tumour you have and how it affects you.

It's easier to get the license returned if it has been surrendered voluntarily rather than being revoked by the DVLA.

Visit the DVLA website to find out more specific information based on your tumour type: www.gov.uk/brain-tumour-and-driving

Return of your licence

- The DVLA will send you a letter to tell you how long you must wait before you can apply for your licence to be returned.
- The return of your licence is not automatic. It will depend upon the information supplied by medical specialists to the DVLA, based upon your fitness and the likelihood of the tumour returning.
- There is no requirement to re-sit the driving test.
- Driving licences that are returned may be time limited. After this, your doctor will help to determine if you are still fit to drive.

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Help with costs

You may be eligible for help with transport costs and a Blue Badge to make parking easier.

Turn2Us can help you find benefits: www.turn2us.org.uk

The NHS have a Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme (HTCS) for people on a low income:

www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-health-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs

Ask others

Ask others for help to get around. Friends, family and neighbours are often glad to be given something specific to do.

Free bus pass

You can easily apply for a free bus pass if taking anti-seizure medication or are unable to drive because of a medical condition. Apply through your local authority. Visit www.gov.uk/apply-for-disabled-bus-pass to find your local authority and link through to their application page.

Some areas have a community bus service or volunteer run taxi service.

**We are here
to help you**



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