

Driving, the DVLA, and getting around

Advice if your ability to drive is affected



Supporting you...



Surrendering your licence

Being told you can no longer drive may be upsetting. Alongside the inconvenience you may feel a loss of freedom and independence, identity and of pleasure.

Driving rules and the DVLA

- Your medical professional may have discussed your driving licence with you.
- If not, then you must speak to your doctor, who might tell you that you need to surrender your licence.
- There are rules on driving and medical conditions. For brain tumours, they differ depending on the type of tumour you have and how it affects you.
- You can be fined up to £1,000 if you don't tell DVLA about a medical condition that affects your driving so you must tell them about your brain tumour.
- You may be prosecuted if you're involved in an accident as a result of your condition if you haven't informed them.
- Should you be able to drive at a later date, it's easier to get a licence returned if it has been surrendered voluntarily rather than being revoked by the DVLA.

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

Find out more from the DVLA

www.gov.uk/brain-tumour-and-driving

www.gov.uk/contact-the-dvla/y/driving-and-medical-issues

Telephone: 0300 790 6806; Monday-Friday, 8am - 7pm; Saturdays, 8am -2pm

Northern Ireland - Contact the Driver and Vehicle Agency if you have a Northern Ireland driving licence.

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Help with costs and getting around:

Brain Tumour Support's Welfare Benefits Service

Our dedicated Welfare Benefits Service is free for you to access. We can support with specialist information on appropriate sources of assistance and help to access benefits that you may be entitled to.

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

To enquire, contact us on **01454 422701** or **support@braintumoursupport.co.uk**

NHS travel costs scheme

The NHS has 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

Free bus pass and community transport

You can 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.

Ask others

Don't be afraid to ask others for help to get around. Friends, family and neighbours are often keen to help and will appreciate having a specific task to do.

**We are here
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