

歡迎/WELCOME

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Driving and Transport



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What will we cover today?

Driving

- Driving with Hong Kong driving licence and exchanging to UK licence
- Learning to drive
- Driving theory and practice tests
- Laws in the UK
- Buying and hiring a car

Public Transport

- Using public transport
- Passes and cards



Driving

Driving with Hong Kong driving licence

- If you have a Hong Kong licence, you can exchange it for a UK licence. This means you **do not** need to retake your test
- You are eligible to exchange your license if you:
 - are UK resident – normally it means being in the UK for more than 185 days
 - Have a license from the country the UK has exchange agreements with
- You can drive with your Hong Kong licence for up to 12 months. After 12 months, you **must** exchange your licence



Driving

Exchanging to UK licence

- Exchange your Hong Kong driving licence via [this link](#):
 - Order form D1 from the Driver and Vehicle Licencing Agency (DVLA)
 - The form has a £43.00 fee, send it with any documents you need (including your driving licence)
 - You should get your new licence within 6-10 weeks
 - You can drive while you are waiting for your license to be exchanged

Exchange a foreign driving licence

3. Where did you pass your test?

'Designated countries or territories' are: Andorra, Australia, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Republic of North Macedonia, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe.

Please answer this question

- European Union
- Great Britain or Northern Ireland
- Jersey, Guernsey or Isle of Man
- A 'designated country or territory' (countries or territories with exchange agreements with Great Britain)
- Other



Driving

Learning to Drive

- To learn how to drive in the UK you need to be at least 17 years old
- You **must** apply for a provisional licence [via the DVLA](#) in order to learn how to drive. To apply for it you need to:
 - be at least 15 years and 9 months old to apply
 - be able to read a number plate from 20 meters away
 - usually have lived in the UK for at least 185 days in total in the past 12 months
 - Pay a £34 fee to apply online
- You can apply for a provisional licence, once you've received your BNO visa



Driving

Driving Theory test

- You need to have a provisional licence to book your theory test [Book your theory test - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#); **The test is in English**
- There are two parts – theory (multiple-choice questions) and hazard perception test (a video test about spotting hazards on the road); You book and take them as a single test. You must pass both parts to pass the test – 43/50 and 44/75
- Some local libraries (in Leeds for example) have free online stimulation of the UK's driving theory tests [Theory Test Pro](#) ; You can also practice via the DVLA website and download relevant apps such as Driving Test Success
- Your pass certificate number (received as a letter) lasts for 2 years. You must pass your driving test in that time, otherwise you'll have to pass the theory test again.

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Driving Practice test

- On average it takes up to 40 hours of lessons to pass your test, however it may vary from person to person
 - You can practice with an instructor, or
 - you can practise driving with family or friends (but they have to meet certain conditions [Driving lessons and learning to drive: Practising with family or friends - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/driving) (www.gov.uk))
- Driving lesson prices vary, more hours upfront usually works out cheaper, it may also be cheaper to go private, you can do this by visiting www.goroadie.co.uk or you can go with well-known companies like AA, Pass N Go etc
- [Red Driving School](#) offer lessons in a range of languages



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Driving Practice test

Lessons with Cantonese speaking instructors:

- TCM Driving (automatic) covers Castleford, Wakefield and Leeds available in Cantonese <https://www.tcmdrivingschool.co.uk/>
- Go-for-it covering Sheffield have Cantonese speaking driving instructors available <https://go-for-it.co.uk/cantonese-speaking-driving-instructor-in-sheffield.html>
- the driving test costs £62-£75, book at [Book your driving test - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- There is also an option of choosing Pass Plus scheme to ensure that you're confident on motorways, however this is not a requirement, but it could reduce your insurance premium for new drivers



Driving

Laws in the UK

- Laws in the UK are similar those in Hong Kong, however it's important to familiarise yourself with UK law requirements when driving:
 - All passengers must always wear a seatbelt, except for medical reasons
 - Children need to be in the correct car seat, otherwise you can be fined £500
 - You need [Road Tax](#), you must have a current [MOT certificate](#) and car insurance (car insurance is needed for each driver, not each car)
 - Car insurance compare sites – Go Compare, Confused.com, Money Supermarket, Compare the market
 - There is no upper age limit to driving, but [after you turn 70 years old](#), renewal is required every 3 years and is subject to being medically fit.

Driving

Buying a car

- You can buy pre-owned cars from car dealerships across the UK, people choose to sell their cars via social platforms such as Gumtree and Facebook, it's important to note that you need be cautious when doing this
- Step by step to buying a car [Buy a vehicle: step by step - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/buy-a-vehicle-step-by-step)
 - Check the car and documents (the V5C vehicle registration certificate (logbook))
 - Buy and register vehicle ([update the logbook on your name](#))
 - You must have insurance before you can use your vehicle on the road (friends/family with comprehensive car insurance might be able to drive your car)
 - Register for [MOT reminders](#) and tax the car (road tax is not transferable between owners of a car)



Driving

Hiring a car

- To hire a car in the UK you must be at least 23 years old with a valid driving licence – prices may vary depending on factors such as
 - How long you've been driving
 - Your age
- You often need a credit card
- You might also need two further forms of identification (either two bills or one bill and another form of photographic identification, one must include proof of address)



Public Transport

Using public transport

- There is frequent public transport available throughout Yorkshire and the UK – for bus connections throughout Yorkshire you can visit [Moovit](#) which provides an in-depth guide of bus agencies in Yorkshire
- Generally, each sub-region have their own bus companies operating within its boundaries – West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, North Yorkshire and Humberside (ex. [Metro](#) in West Yorkshire)
- [NationalRail.co.uk](#) covers the National Rail Network for the entire of the UK, with live updates of departures and arrivals; you can buy tickets via an app on your phone
- Sometimes, it is cheaper to use train company's website directly, especially going to London (for example [LNER | London North Eastern Railway](#))
- Some tram services [in Sheffield](#), South Yorkshire, no underground transport



Public Transport

Passes and cards

- Transport cards such as bus passes and rail cards are a great way to save money, if you use public transport frequently
- Bus passes vary from agency to agency, your best option is to visit your bus companies' website
- When travelling via train, a rail card will be applicable to all train journeys throughout the UK. There are a variety of railcards available and will discount your journey by 1/3. You can visit www.trainline.com/railcards
- Older people can apply for **free bus passes** [Apply for an older person's bus pass - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). In England, you can apply for it once you reach [state pension age](#)



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