


















Vehicle categories on driving licences from **19 January 2013**

		Category	Minimum age	Notes	Change
	Moped <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-wheel vehicles or three-wheel vehicles with a maximum design speed is over 25km/h and not more than 45km/h. Light quadricycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With an unladen mass of not more than 350kg, not including the mass of the batteries in case of electric vehicles, whose maximum design speed is over 25km/h and not more than 45km/h. 	AM	16		New category
	Motorcycles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motorcycle with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125cc, of a power not exceeding 11kW and with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.1kW per kg. A motor tricycle with power not exceeding 15kW. 	A1	17		Category description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motorcycle of a power not exceeding 35kW, with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW per kg and not being derived from a vehicle of more than double its power. 	A2	19		New category
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motorcycle of a power exceeding 35kW or with a power to weight ratio exceeding 0.2kW per kg. A power not exceeding 35kW with a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2kW per kg and derived from a vehicle of more than double its power. A motor tricycle with a power exceeding 15kW. 	A	24	See note 1	Category description
	4 wheeled light vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicles with four wheels up to 400kg unladen weight or 550kg for vehicles intended for carrying goods. 	B1	17		Category description
	Cars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor vehicles with a MAM not exceeding 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg. Motor vehicles with a MAM not exceeding 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg, where the combination MAM is not exceeding 3500kg. 	B	17	See note 2	
	Medium sized vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles between 3500kg and 7500kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg. 	C1	18	See note 3 and note 6	
	Large goods vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles over 3500kg with a trailer up to 750kg, and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer up to 750kg. 	C	21	See note 4	
	Minibuses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles with no more than 16 passenger seats in addition to the driver and with a maximum length not exceeding eight metres with a trailer up to 750kg. 	D1	21	See note 5 and note 6	Category description
	Buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any bus designed and constructed for the carriage of more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, with a trailer up to 750kg. 	D	24	See note 5	Min age + category description
	Small vehicles and trailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combinations of vehicles consisting of a vehicle in category B and a trailer, where the combination does not come within category B, and the MAM of the trailer or semi-trailer does not exceed 3500kg. 	BE	17		
	Medium sized vehicles with trailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles between 3500kg and 7500kg with a trailer over 750kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg – combined weight not more than 12000kg. 	C1E	21	See note 3, 4 and note 6	
	Large goods vehicles with trailers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles over 3500kg and designed and constructed for the carriage of no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver with a trailer over 750kg. 	CE	21	See note 4	

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	Minibuses with trailers • Vehicles with no more than 16 passenger seats in addition to the driver and with a maximum length not exceeding 8 metres with a trailer over 750kg, provided that the MAM of the combination formed does not exceed 12000kg.	D1E	21	See note 5 and note 6	Category description
	Buses with trailers • Any bus designed and constructed for the carriage of more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, with a trailer over 750kg.	DE	24	See note 5	Min age + category description
	Moped • Motor vehicles with fewer than four wheels with a maximum design speed exceeding 45km/h but not exceeding 50km/h and which, if propelled by an internal combustion engine, has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50cc.	p	16	See note 7	Category description
	Moped • Motor vehicles with fewer than four wheels which if propelled by an internal combustion engine, has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50cc and, if not equipped with pedals by means of which the vehicle is capable of being propelled, has a maximum design speed not exceeding 25km/h.	q	16	See note 7	New category
	Agricultural tractors	f	17	See note 8	
	Roadrollers	g	21	See note 9	
	Tracked vehicles	h	21	See note 4 & 10	
	Mowing machines or vehicles controlled by someone on foot	k	16		
Note 1	Age 24 or 2 years from date of Standard A2 test pass. Tricycle restriction code 79				
Note 2	Age 16 if you are getting Disability Living Allowance (Mobility Allowance) at the higher rate.				
Note 3	Age 18 if combination weight is under 7500kg.				
Note 4	You can drive at age 17 if a member of the armed services. You can drive at 18 if one of the following apply: • you passed your driving test and Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC) initial qualification • you are learning to drive or taking a driving test for this category or Driver CPC initial qualification • you are taking a national vocational training course to get a Driver CPC initial qualification, or • you had your driving licence before 10 September 2009, you must take the CPC periodic training within 5 years of this date.				
Note 5	You can drive at age 17 if you are a member of the armed forces. You can drive these vehicles at age 18 if one of the following apply: (1) You are learning to drive or taking a PCV test or Driver CPC initial qualification (2) Having passed a PCV driving test and Driver CPC initial qualification, you can drive under any of the following conditions: • driving on a regular service where the route doesn't exceed 50km • not engaged in the carriage of passengers • driving a vehicle of a class included in sub-category D1. (3) Having passed a PCV test before 10 September 2008 and driving under a bus operator's licence, or minibus permit, or community bus permit and any of the following conditions: • driving on a regular service where the route doesn't exceed 50km • not engaged in the carriage of passengers • driving a vehicle of a class included in sub-category D1. Age 20 after passing a PCV driving test and Driver CPC initial qualification. For further advice you can contact the Driving Standards Agency by phoning 0300 200 1122.				
Note 6	If you passed your test for category B or B automatic before 1 January 1997 your licence will already show entitlement to C1, C1E (8.25 tonnes), D1 and D1E (not for hire or reward).				
Note 7	National category only.				
Note 8	At 16 you can drive tractors less than 2.45m wide. It must only pull trailers less than 2.45m wide with two wheels, or four wheels that are close-coupled.				
Note 9	At 17 you can drive small roadrollers with metal or hard rollers. They must not be steam powered, weigh more than 11.69 tonnes or be made for carrying loads.				
Note 10	You can drive at 17 if the MAM of the tracked vehicle is not more than 3500kg.				

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