

Safety Alert

Changes to the Driver Qualification Cards

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The first 5 yearly renewal of the Driver Qualification Cards (DCPC) is due this September. The DVSA is expecting a large influx of renewals which may lead to a delay in getting out the new cards.

The Law.

It is normally a legal requirement that you carry your card while driving any Commercial vehicles over 3.5T MAM, bus or coach professionally.







You can get a £50 fixed penalty for driving professionally without your card.

You can still drive professionally if you've done your 35hrs periodic training and you're waiting for your new Driver CPC card to arrive. Just before your current card expires you should receive your replacement, or shortly afterwards. If you don't receive your card within 20 days of when it was expected you should contact DVSA.

CCC recommend that drivers access the DVLA site and download a copy of proof that they have completed their periodic training whilst, waiting for their new card, and carry this with them. This will act as evidence should anyone query it during this time.

To do this you will need to register: <https://www.gov.uk/check-your-driver-cpc-periodic-training-hours>
You will be sent a link by post, (Ensure your driving licence address is up-to-date) to allow you to access your data. If you need assistance with this please speak to ICT or a colleague with ICT access.

KEY POINTS ARE:

NEVER		ALWAYS	
	Card – Drive any vehicle over 3.5T MAM without a valid DCPC card, or proof of training		Carry your card – As soon as you have your card take it to your Supervisor who will copy it for records
	Licence – Fail to update a change of address for your driving licence. A new DCPC card will be sent to this address.		Carrying Card - ensure your valid DCPC card is carried with you while you're driving.
	Title - Text		Lost card – Report a lost card to DVSA and your Supervisor as soon as practical (£25 replacement cost)

Further information –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-standards-agency>