



Driving Licence extension

It is The Embassy's understanding that **any extension to the 31 December grace period** for using a UK licence to drive in Spain will apply to **all residents with valid UK driving licences**. In other words, it will not matter whether the licence holder registered their intent to exchange before the end of 2020 or not. This has been the case with each previous extension of the deadline (from 30 June to 31 October, and from 31 October to 31 December).

Where registering intent to exchange has made a difference this year has been in the individual's ability to exchange their licence during the course of 2021. Those who successfully registered their intent to exchange before the end of 2020 have until 31 December 2021 to make an appointment and complete the exchange, without taking a driving test. Those who did not successfully register their intent to exchange before the end of 2020 have been able to continue to use a valid UK licence to drive in Spain, but if they wish to obtain a Spanish licence, they need to follow the process for non-EU citizens, which includes the theory and practical tests.

If a citizen wishes to complain about how their exchange request has been handled by the DGT, they can contact the DGT using [the information on their website](#). A citizen is also able to raise a complaint to their regional or national Ombudsman if they feel a public administration body has not properly performed its functions.