

Driving licences



- The Spanish Government has confirmed a two-month extension to the recognition of UK licences for residents in Spain. Anyone with a valid UK licence who lives in Spain can continue to use it to drive **until 30 April 2022**.
- Negotiations remain ongoing between the UK and Spanish governments to agree long-term arrangements for the exchange of driving licences, without the need for a practical test.
- If you need to be able to drive in Spain, you should consider all the options. You may not want to wait for the outcome of the negotiations. If not, follow the [DGT process for non-EU nationals to obtain a Spanish driving licence](#) now. This includes taking a theory and practical driving test.
- **NB: the DGT website has not yet been updated** (the announcement was made via the Moncloa, after yesterday's Consejo de Ministros meeting), but is expected to be updated shortly. **It will also likely take a bit of time for the information to arrive at all local offices/officials.**
- The Embassy are aware there are already rumours circulating that visitors will require an international driving permit to drive in Spain from 1 March 2022. Yesterday's announcement by Consejo de Ministros made clear that this update concerns the recognition of UK licences for residents only, and the rules for visitors remain unchanged.