

FAQ on Brexit and Digital Tachographs

Q. I am resident in Ireland and I hold a valid UK Driver Licence with higher categories. I do not have an existing tachograph card from any other country. I wish to apply for an Irish digital tachograph card. Can I do so after 31 October 2019?

A. No. RSA will not recognise a UK drivers' licence after 31 October 2019 for digital tachograph card purposes. To obtain a digital tachograph from the RSA, an applicant must have a valid EU driving licence at the time and be resident in the state.

Q. I currently hold a valid tachograph driver card issued in Ireland with a UK driving licence. It is due for renewal before the 31 October 2019? Will I be able to apply for a renewal of my driver card before that date using my UK/NI driving licence?

A. Yes – RSA will accept an application for renewal of the driver card using a UK driver's licence up to 31 October 2019. As indicated above, a person seeking a renewal of a driver card on the basis of a UK licence and is resident in the state should exchange their UK licence for an Irish driver's licence before 31 October 2019 which is set as the withdrawal date of the UK from the EU.

Q. I am resident in Ireland with an UK tachograph driver card and employed by an Irish company based in the State. Can I use my UK issued digital tachograph card after 31 October 2019?

A. Yes – this will be permissible up to 1 January 2020. Please refer to the previous question about the exchanging of a UK driver licence for an Irish one.

Q. I currently hold a valid tachograph driver card issued in Ireland with a UK driving licence. It is due for renewal after the 31 October 2019. Will RSA accept and process the application for renewal of the card?

A. No. To qualify for a digital tachograph card, the applicant must hold a valid EU driver's licence. The advice to holders of UK licences is that they should exchange their UK driving licence for an Irish one before 31 October 2019 and be resident in the state.

Q. If I lose or damage my valid Irish tachograph driver card (with UK driving licence) or if it becomes malfunctioning or is stolen, can I replace my driver card?

A. No – this will not be possible unless the driver licence to which the card relates has been exchanged for an Irish licence before 31 October 2019. The applicant must hold a valid EU driving licence at the time of the application and be resident in the state.

Q. I have a UK driver licence and UK driver card resident in the UK and occasionally travel on my truck to Ireland delivering and picking up goods. Will my UK driver card be accepted?

A. Yes – this does not present any problems from a digital tachograph card perspective. RSA expects that the European Commission will publish guidance on the arrangements to apply in this regard from 1 January 2020.