

# Herefordshire Community Network

## Support for Ukraine – information for guests

### To drive in the UK you must have:

- A valid, full driving licence (not a learner's licence)
- up to date motor (car) insurance

You should also read about the [legal obligations of drivers](#) on the Gov.uk website.

If your current licence is valid, you can drive for 3 years in the UK using your Ukraine driving licence. You can use this licence to drive small vehicles like:

- motorcycles
- cars
- vehicles that weight up to 3500kg or with 8 passenger seats

To continue to drive after 3 years you need to:

- exchange your Ukraine driving licence for a UK licence (there is a fee to do this)

### Provisional driving Licences

#### Using 'L' and 'P' plates

You must put an L plate on the front and back of your vehicle so they can be seen easily.

In Wales, you can use a D plate instead.

An L plate or D plate must:

- have a red L or D on a white background
- be the [right size](#)

**You can get up to 6 penalty points if you do not display an L plate or if it's not the right size.**

You should take L plates off your vehicle when it's not being used by a learner.

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### Practising with family or friends

You can practise driving with family or friends. Anyone you practise your driving with (without paying them) must:

- be over 21
- be qualified to drive the type of vehicle you want to learn in, for example they must have a manual car licence if they're supervising you in a manual car
- have had their full driving licence for 3 years (from the UK, [the EU](#), Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein)

**You can be fined up to £1,000 and get up to 6 penalty points on your provisional licence if you drive without the right supervision.**

It's illegal for:

- your friend or family member to use a mobile phone while supervising you
- you to drive on the motorway when practising with family or friends

### Insurance

You need your own insurance as a learner driver if you're practising in a car you own. Your family member or friend will usually be covered on this.

If you're practising in someone else's car, you need to either:

- make sure you're covered by the car owner's insurance policy as a learner driver
- take out your own insurance policy that covers you driving in the car as a learner driver

Some insurance companies require the person supervising you to be over 25 years old.

**You can get an unlimited fine, be banned from driving and get up to 8 penalty points for driving without insurance.**

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### Losing your vehicle

The police can seize a vehicle if they think it's being used in a way that causes alarm, harassment or distress, for example careless or inconsiderate driving. They can also seize a vehicle if they think it's being driven by someone who does not have a proper licence or insurance.

### Insurance companies

Admiral and the NFU have been recommended for Ukrainians seeking Insurance.

### Driving advice in Ukrainian

[https://www.drivetechnology.co.uk/drive-confident-ukrainian/?fbclid=IwAR2C-4EG\\_TrvTdRdKgBQSRBGDhAy5ULcWPR9ApOxdJfLhMD8fiYIB7ip0XI#/](https://www.drivetechnology.co.uk/drive-confident-ukrainian/?fbclid=IwAR2C-4EG_TrvTdRdKgBQSRBGDhAy5ULcWPR9ApOxdJfLhMD8fiYIB7ip0XI#/)

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