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### **Post-Brexit agreement on mutual recognition of British and French driving licenses**

Following the implementation of the United Kingdom's withdrawal agreement from the European Union (EU) Called Brexit, the French and British authorities have reached an agreement relating to the continuity of the mutual recognition of driving licenses which will enter into force from Monday 28 June 2021.

This principle of recognition remains valid for holders of a driving license. UK driving issued before 1<sup>January</sup> 2021, which therefore do not need to exchange their licenses against a french license, regardless of their nationality. This principle also applies to holders of a French license residing in the United Kingdom.

Concretely, holders of British permits living in France and holders of French permits living in the United Kingdom can continue to travel with their original valid permit. They do not need to request the exchange against the permit of the country of residence, except when the validity date of the original permit has expired or in case of loss or theft of this permit.

On the other hand, the exchange of the license is compulsory for holders of a driving license issued after January 1, 2021 and who wish to reside for more than one year in France. In this case, the holders have a period of one year following their installation in the country to request such an exchange.

Exchange requests must be submitted to the National Agency for Secured Titles (ANTS): <https://permisdeconduire.ants.gouv.fr/>.

It is recalled that any holder of a British driving license going to France for a short tourist stay may drive there with his license, under the Vienna Convention on road traffic of November 8, 1968, including France and the United Kingdom. from Great Britain and Northern Ireland are signatories. This also applies to French drivers who travel to the United Kingdom.

**British Ambassador Ed Llewellyn said:**

“I am delighted to be able to reassure people holding a valid British license that they can continue to drive in France without taking a French driving test.

I know this is good news for many people in France who need the ability to drive to get to work, get to their medical appointments, and see their friends and family.

For those with an expired British license, there is now a clear process to exchange it for a French license, which will allow them to get back on the road. »

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