

Driving licence compulsory exchange

Competent Department

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Basic information

With the following link you can book an appointment for this request: <https://termin.bremen.de/termine/select2?md=2>

In its session on 15.02.2019, the Bundesrat (upper house of the German parliament) passed the 13th ordinance amending the Driving License Ordinance (FeV) and other road traffic regulations. The resolution also includes the so-called staggered mandatory exchange of all driving license documents issued before 19.01.2013. This means that by 19.01.2033 all driving license holders in the European Union should have a driving license of the same standard. It is planned to stagger the period according to the year of birth and the date of issue of the driving license. This regulation is intended to avoid a rush on the driving license authorities and disproportionately high processing times for citizens.

For further information, please call 0421-115 or e-mail <mailto:fuehrerscheinstelle@buengeramt.bremen.de>.

You can find out the deadlines for the mandatory exchange of your driver's license at the following link <http://www.buergerservice.bremen.de/sixcms/media.php/9/Fristen%20Pflichtumtausch.pdf>.

Requirements

- Application in person at the driver's license office
- Main residence in Bremen

What documents do I need?

- Biometric photograph
- Important information about the photo booths in all offices of the Citizen's Office:
 - The machines are operated by outside companies and often do not work. It cannot be guaranteed that passport photos can be taken on site. We advise you to bring passport photos to the appointment.
- Identity card or passport

- Driving licence
- In addition, an index card copy from the driving licence office that issued the current driving licence, if the driving licence was issued outside Bremen before 1999

Procedure

Legal bases

- [Anlage 3 \(zu § 6 Abs. 7\) Verordnung über die Zulassung von Personen zum Straßenverkehr \(Fahrerlaubnis-Verordnung - FeV\)](#)
- [Gebührenordnung für Maßnahmen im Straßenverkehr \(GebOSt\)](#)
- [§§ 6 sowie 25 Verordnung über die Zulassung von Personen zum Straßenverkehr \(Fahrerlaubnis-Verordnung - FeV\)](#)

More information

1. Your old driver's license will be given a time limit when you apply for it and will be issued to you again.
2. The new classes to which the existing driver's license will be converted depend on Annex 3 of the Driver's License Ordinance (FeV).
3. Your new driver's license will be sent to you by mail
4. it is not necessary to come back to the driver's license office.

Holders of the old class 3 driver's license have the option of upgrading to class T without an examination as part of the conversion process. The prerequisite for this is the activity in a forestry or agricultural operation. This extension must be explicitly applied for so that the entry can be made on the new EU card driver's license.

In addition, holders of the old driving license class 3 will receive, in addition to the driving license classes B and BE, also the classes C1 and C1E without a time limit and without the need for regular medical check-ups. With this license, motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of up to 7.49 t and trains with a weight of up to 12 t and an unlimited number of axles may be driven (towing vehicle up to 7.49 t).

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

In the case of driving licences for HGVs in the old classes 3 (as far as HGVs with a permissible total mass of more than 7.5 t are concerned) and classes 2, these must have been converted on reaching the age of 50, with proof of fitness to drive, in order to retain this entitlement without interruption.

For conversion with simultaneous renewal, see here: https://www.service.bremen.de/sixcms/detail.php?gsid=bremen128.c.10153.de&asl=bremen2014_sp.c.13092.de

How long does it take to process

max. 4 weeks

In urgent cases, an express order within 48 hours is possible; in these cases, the driving licence must be collected from the driving licence authority.

What are the costs?

30,30 EUR including direct dispatch of the driving licence

For express order: 25,30 Euro plus express fee 34,14 Euro