

Guernsey DriveAbility

Association of Guernsey Charities No. 310



Driving in Guernsey with a Medical Condition.

Guernsey Driving Licence Authority (DVLA)

It is a legal requirement that a driver must report it to the Guernsey Driving Licence Authority Tel: 243400 if they have a medical condition which affects their driving and which is expected to last more than three months. The driver will then be required to obtain a medical report form (DLMED/1/04) from the DVLA which is to be completed by the applicant's doctor and returned to the DVLA. Depending on the medical report the licence may be continued, revoked or rein-stated. They may require a practical assessment of ability as part of their investigation process and this can be provided by Guernsey DriveAbility (see below). The DVLA will not pay for this assessment.

Motor Insurance

The medical condition should be reported to your insurance company and you should not drive until your driving licence has been confirmed by the DVLA and clearance has been given by your insurers. Whilst the insurer should be fully informed of a driver's circumstance, most insurers take the view that if the Licensing Authority will licence the driver, they will insure the driver.

Disabled Persons Parking Badge Scheme

The permits are issued by The States Environment Dept. Tel: 717200. They allow you (as driver or passenger) to park in disabled parking spaces and for two hours in half hour and one hour spaces. There is a form to complete including a section to be completed by a doctor. A passport size photograph is also required.

Guernsey DriveAbility

Guernsey DriveAbility is a Guernsey charity (registration no. 310) that can offer independent advice on medical fitness to drive and car adaptations. Their Services Consultant, Mrs. Sue Vernon Dip COT DSA ADI (Car) is recognized by the Guernsey Driving Licence Authority as a suitably dual-qualified occupational therapist/driving instructor, experienced in medical fitness to drive assessment. She is resident in the UK and visits Guernsey frequently to carry out assessments either privately or by referral. Drivers can explore their medical fitness to drive and obtain a formal report. The charity can be contacted through Terry Dowinton Tel: 259159 or e-mail: trymads2@cwgsy.net

Car Adaptations

There are many driving controls adaptations available. Advice should be taken from Guernsey DriveAbility's assessor before a driving aid is purchased and fitted as it is important to try different car control adaptations to see which suits your needs best. You will then be guided on where to obtain the most suitable version of your chosen adaptation. Good advice may be found at <http://www.ricability.org.uk/> Ricability supply booklets with advice on driving after a Stroke, Arthritis, Multiple Sclerosis and Amputation. There are booklets with advice on choosing a car, choosing car controls adaptations and getting a wheelchair into a car.