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If you have been issued with a digital driver card then being aware of the following will help you stay within the law:

- When driving any vehicle which is in-scope of EC drivers' hours rules and you have been issued with a driver card then you must produce it on request even if you have never used it.
- If your card bears incorrect details you must inform the DVLA of the error.
- If you change your name or address you must inform DVLA.
- You must ensure that the card and the tachograph equipment functions correctly and that you use both properly.
- If your card is lost, stolen, becomes damaged or malfunctions you must report it to the DVLA within 7 days and return a damaged or malfunctioning card. If a lost or stolen card is subsequently found you must return it to the DVLA after first downloading the data stored on it. Whilst awaiting your new card you must take printouts at the start and the end of each day on which you drive. You must write your name, driver card or driver licence number and the vehicle registration number then sign each print.
- You may not hold a UK issued driver card at the same time as holding a driver card issued by another EC Member State. If your normal residence changes to another Member State then you must apply for an exchange. Normal residence means the place where you live for at least 185 days in each calendar year.



- You must not use a driver card which does not bear your own details.
- You must not be in possession of 2 driver cards bearing your own details. The only exceptions to this are:
 - a) during the one month period before your current card expires when your new card may also be in your possession, and
 - b) holding a time-expired card at the same time as a current card.
- You must not use, or be in possession of, a forged or altered card, record any false data on the card, or on the tachograph equipment, suppress or destroy any data recorded on the card or the tachograph equipment or make a false/forged/ altered statement to obtain a card.

If you are found to be in breach of any of the above rules you can be fined or, in the most serious cases, be imprisoned for up to 2 years. VOSA/ENF/2369/JAN 13

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