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## UK DRIVING LICENCES: REQUEST FOR A LETTER CONFIRMING AUTHENTICITY

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It has been brought to our attention that for British nationals wishing to convert their UK driving licence into a Zambian one the Road Transport & Safety Agency (RTSA) in Zambia has introduced a requirement for applicants to produce a letter confirming authenticity of the UK driving licence.

The British High Commission does not issue letters confirming the authenticity of United Kingdom driving licences.

However, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) in the UK can issue a Certificate of Entitlement.

Should you require confirmation of your driving licence details please [Contact DVLA](#) to request a Certificate of Entitlement.

Find out about DVLA's online services at: [Browse Driving Licence](#)

Use the free [View Driving Licence](#) service to view your driving licence information held on DVLA records.

## **INFORMATION NOTE:**

### **UK DRIVING LICENCES**

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to confirm that driving licences issued in the United Kingdom are issued under the conditions and in the format set out in European Directive 91/439/EEC.

Full driving licences are issued on passing a driving test to the standard required by Directive 91/439/EEC and carried out by a driving examiner.

Information on all aspects of the European Union can be found at: [http://europa.eu/eu-life/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/eu-life/index_en.htm) and a copy of the Directive is available to view on this site.

From 8 June 2015, the paper counterpart to the photo card UK driving licence will not be valid and will no longer be issued by the Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency. Paper driving licences issued before the photo card was introduced in 1998 will remain valid. The details displayed on the counterpart will now be available to view online with third parties having access at [www.gov.uk/check-driving-information](http://www.gov.uk/check-driving-information) if provided a unique security code from the licence holder.

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