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Dear Sir

### Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 October requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

You asked for:-

#### **UK driving licences by age of driver and by region/partial postcode.**

Firstly, DVLA only holds information on driving licences issued in Great Britain (GB) and does not cover drivers in Northern Ireland, Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

Please note the driver database is live and its data changes on a daily basis as transactions are processed. The attached spreadsheet provides the information extracted from the driver database via a management information tool which provides the most accurate figures available within appropriate cost limits. The figures give the position as at 30 October 2010.

Please also note that certain driving licences in certain categories (e.g. moped) can be issued to fifteen year old applicants up to two months before their sixteenth birthday. The provisional driving entitlement conveyed by such licences will not commence until the driver turns sixteen.

A small number of the partial postcodes shown on this spreadsheet no longer exist but may have done when these licences were first issued.



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Yours sincerely

FOI Team  
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