



Driver & Vehicle  
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# Response to Consultation: Exchange of car and light motorcycle (not exceeding 125cc) driving licences issued in the Cayman Islands



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## Consultation question

1. Are you aware of any reason why the DVLA should not take this proposal forward?

## **1. Executive summary**

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) asked for views on a proposal to allow drivers who hold a licence to drive cars and light motorcycles (not exceeding 125cc), which was originally issued in the Cayman Islands to exchange that licence for the British equivalent if the driver became resident in Great Britain.

The consultation document was published on GOV.UK and was available for both the public and industry to express their opinions on the proposed changes.

There were three responses received and all supported the proposal.

## **2. Introduction**

The consultation was launched on 1 August 2017 and closed on 29 August 2017.

The consultation asked for the views of those with an interest in the proposed change.

## **3. Background**

The DVLA proposed to allow the holders of licences to drive cars and motorcycles that were issued in the Cayman Islands to exchange those licences for the British equivalent if the holders of such licences become resident in Great Britain.

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency has assessed the current licensing and testing standards for driving cars and light motorcycles in the Cayman Islands and approved the standards for cars and light motorcycles (not exceeding 125cc).

The proposal affects only holders of licences to drive cars and light motorcycles (not exceeding 125 cc) issued in the Cayman Islands who become resident in Great Britain. It does not affect the arrangements in place for those driving cars and motorcycles as visitors.

## **4. Responses to the consultation exercise**

There were three responses to the consultation. All agreed to the proposal. The DVLA would like to thank everyone who responded.

## **5. Disclosure of information**

None of the respondents to the consultation asked for their response to be treated as confidential. The responses are in Section 7 of this report.

## 6. Next steps

The DVLA will amend the law at the next available parliamentary session to allow for drivers who hold a licence to drive cars and light motorcycles (not exceeding 125cc), which was issued originally in the Cayman Islands to exchange it for a British equivalent, if the driver becomes resident in Great Britain.

Until this takes place, newly resident Cayman Island nationals can continue to drive in Great Britain on the strength of their domestic licence for up to 12 months. To ensure continuous driving entitlement beyond that 12-month period, a British driving licence must be obtained by passing a British driving test. To take a driving test, a provisional driving licence must be obtained, although provisional licence conditions would not apply until the expiry of the initial 12 month period.

## 7. The responses

**Q1** – Are you aware of any reason why the DVLA should not take this proposal forward?

All three responses received agreed with the proposal.

**A summary of the responses is shown below:**

**States of Guernsey Traffic and Highway Services** – “provided that the application procedures and testing standards used in the Cayman Islands can meet the same standards applied in the UK then there is no reason to refuse to accept category 1 driving licences for exchange purposes.”

**The Automobile Association (AA)** – “This proposal doesn’t raise any concerns.”

**An individual requesting anonymity but agreed that comments could be published** – “As a Caymanian resident but a UK national it would make a lot more sense for me, as I have passed all driving tests in the Cayman Islands to be able to exchange my licence. Road conditions are mostly the same as in the UK, as we follow the same traffic laws. Please accept the consultation.”