

Vehicle Ownership Requirements from 2013

The National Transport Authority is currently drafting supporting legislation and IT systems to enable a new licensing condition that the owner of the vehicle licence and the registered owner of the vehicle associated with the licence must be the same person or meet other specified circumstances. (Action 15 of Ministerial Review of January 2012)

<p><i>How will it be introduced?</i></p>	<p>From the 1st January 2013, vehicle ownership will be a licensing condition for all vehicle licensing transactions, including first issue, renewal and change of vehicle.</p> <p>Once the Authority has put in place a planned system for operator declaration, you will be required to provide an initial declaration of vehicle ownership for all active licences held in your name. This requirement will be notified in advance and supported through advisory channels.</p>
<p><i>What will I need to do?</i></p>	<p>You will need to have your log book (vehicle registration certificate) and /or any relevant third party documentation to hand at the time of booking. A licensing agent will carry out an initial validation of the information to hand, including capture of required information to confirm self-declaration.</p>
<p><i>How will the NTA verify this information?</i></p>	<p>Initial verification will be based on self-declaration by the licence holder as part of licensing or declaration transaction. The Authority will verify declared information on an on-going basis against the National Vehicle and Driver File (NVDF) database.</p>
<p><i>What happens if I don't have a vehicle in my name?</i></p>	<p>If vehicle ownership is not confirmed at the time of licensing / declaration, the licence will be de-activated within a specified timeframe. You will then have one year to reactivate the licence.</p> <p>You will be in breach of regulations if you operate, renew or rent your vehicle from commencement of the regulations if the vehicle licence holder and vehicle owner are not the same.</p> <p>The Authority is aware of a number of scenarios whereby the name in the log book (vehicle registration certificate) will not match the vehicle licence holder name, but where the licence holder could be deemed to be the vehicle keeper (e.g. lease arrangement).</p>

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The Authority will be notifying licence holders in advance of the introduction of planned additional vehicle ownership controls, and will be providing guidance material and support for initial set up and on-going use of planned declaration processes as well as changes to licensing conditions.

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