

Vital information if you are planning on driving in the EU after 29th March

As you will no doubt be aware there is a possibility that the UK may leave the EU on the 29th March 2019 without a Withdrawal Agreement in place – a no deal Brexit.

If this happens, then policyholders who are either planning to drive in the EU after the 29th March or will already be driving in Europe after this date will need to ensure they are carrying a physical Green Card. These are provided by us directly on request.

Green Cards will be required under EU regulations as proof of insurance for anyone driving their vehicle in any country within the European Economic Area (EEA) and also Andorra, Serbia and Switzerland. A full list of countries is available from <https://www.gov.uk/eu-eea> If a policyholder / permitted driver is driving in the EEA or other countries listed without a Green Card they may be breaking the law.

Who might be affected?

- Those planning on taking their vehicle to Europe over the Easter holidays or those driving across the Northern Ireland/Republic of Ireland border
- Those returning to the UK from Europe

What you need to do

Policyholders who will be driving in the EEA, Andorra, Serbia or Switzerland after the 29th March will need to apply to us for a Green Card. The Green Card will need to be sent through the post so please allow 15 days to apply before the planned date of travel and ensure your policy address is correct.

Please email us at underwriting@sabre.co.uk with the following details:

- the start and end date of the journey
- the countries that are going to be visited
- policy number
- Names of those driving (must be named drivers on the policy)
- current address

The Green Card is an extension of the policy so if there are any changes to the policy details, including address, driver or vehicle cover details please let us know.

Should a Green Card be required over the renewal period then you should ensure the policyholder has given a firm instruction to renew their policy and payment arrangements have been made.

Visit the government website for more information about the technical notice on Green Cards <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vehicle-insurance-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/vehicle-insurance-if-theres-no-brexit-deal>

International Driving Permit

After the 29th March 2019 the current UK driving licence may no longer be valid by itself when driving in the EU. If there is a no-deal Brexit policyholders may need to obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive in the EU. This document must be carried, together with the UK driving licence when driving in the EU. There are different types of IDP depending on which country is visited.

If the driver does not have an IDP they may risk being turned away at the border or other enforcement action, e.g. a fine.

International Driving Permits are NOT provided by Sabre. To find out more about them and how to obtain one, visit the government website, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/driving-in-the-eu-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/driving-in-the-eu-if-theres-no-brexit-deal>

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