HIRING A CAR ON HOLIDAY?

If you are hiring a car on holiday, a change to the driving licence may affect you.





The paper counterpart to photocard licences was abolished on 8 June 2015, it isn't legally valid and won't be updated.

Before you go on holiday, make sure you check with your hire company what documents they will want to see.



Some may ask for a unique code which will let them check your driving record.

To get a code go to GOV.UK

and search for view driving licence.

Each code is valid for 21 days and,
to protect your privacy, can only be used once.



If you need more information about this change, go to GOV.UK and search for hiring a vehicle.

You should destroy your counterpart (but keep your actual licence – that's the plastic photocard or one of the paper licences which were issued until 1998).



WHY?

We replaced around 445,000 lost counterparts last year and each replacement cost the driver £20.

Car hire companies can now view a driver's record that's guaranteed to be completely up-to-date (reducing their risk and increasing road safety).

