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## **RENEWAL OF A SPANISH DRIVING LICENCE**

**The fee for the renewal of a Spanish Driving Licence is currently in the region of 18 euros unless you are over 70 years old in which case it is free of charge.** If you are under 70 years of age but have valid reasons (perhaps medical) why you cannot apply for a licence that will last for the usual period allowed for your age, you may be entitled to a reduction on the fee.

Providing your current address is given on your existing driving licence, you will receive a notice through the post informing you when your licence is due for renewal. This notice is called an “**Aviso de caducidad del permiso o licencia de conduccion**”. You can renew your licence by post or in person at the Trafico office in Alicante. However, if you renew by post it is advisable to keep a photocopy of all documents sent to Trafico.

### **Documents needed:**

- A valid Residencia card or certificate, plus photocopy
- Your passport
- Your existing driving licence.
- A certificate, plus photocopy, to confirm that you are on the Padron de Habitantes at your local Town Hall. This certificate should show your current address, and have been stamped, dated and issued in the last 3 months. Town Halls can issue a certificate on the spot for this purpose i.e. for use at Trafico. You should be ready to produce your last Padron Certificate to the town hall when you apply for one.
- Certificate of Aptitude (see note below)
- Two identical passport photographs 35mm x. 25mm. One will have to be attached to your certificate of aptitude.

The ‘aptitude test’ sometimes called a ‘medical’ is little more than an eyesight and coordination test, and lasts approximately 10 minutes. There are several appointed agents who will carry out this test in premises on the opposite side of the road from the Trafico building in Alicante. There are also medical centres in Torrevieja, Almoradi and other towns who can carry out this test. The fee is usually in the region of 35 euros but it can vary so it is worth checking the price first.

- **If applying by post you should also send the following**

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- A stamped addressed envelope for the return of your documents
- A photocopy of your Giro payment. This can be made at a Post Office ensuring that you write your name and NIE number on the payment slip marked “Talon para el destinatario”. Also add the words “prorroga de la vigencia de la autorizacion para conducir” so that Trafico can identify who is making the payment and what it is for. The amount to pay is written under the heading “TASA”.

**According to the age of the applicant, Spanish Driving Licences are renewed on the following basis:**

18 – 40 years old:	valid for 10 years
41 years old:	valid for 9 years
42 years old:	valid for 8 years
43 years old:	valid for 7 years
44 years old:	valid for 6 years
45 – 67 years old:	Valid for 5 years
67 – 68 years old:	Valid for 4 years
68 – 69 years old:	Valid for 3 years
70 years old and over:	Valid for 2 years

**MEDICAL CENTRES in Torrevieja:**

**Cereco** Caballero de Rodas 38, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Torrevieja Tel. 965 713 858  
**Centro Medico** Calle Pedro Lorca 6 Torrevieja. Tel 966 704 760.

To the best of our knowledge this information was correct on the date given below.  
However, rules, fees and regulations can and do change so it is advisable to check with our office  
that this fact sheet has not been superseded. RG/JBH May 08