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DRIVING IN SPAIN

The United Kingdom ceased to belong to the European Union as of December 31, 2020 so all traffic agreements within the EU are no longer valid for license holders issued by the UK:

As of January 1, 2021, the general regulations will apply and the permits issued by the British authorities will only enable you to drive in Spain for six months, from the entry of the holder in Spain or from the date of obtaining residence legal. For holders of a British driving license who are resident in Spain as of December 31, 2020, the six-month period will begin to run from January 1, 2021.

Holders of a British driving license who have requested the exchange, replacement, or renewal before December 31, 2020, will be processed provided they have been verified by the United Kingdom authorities before January 1, 2021. Applications submitted after December 30, 2020 will not be processed.

The rules for exchanging a licence have not been confirmed for those that did not register their details with the DGT or moved to Spain after 1 January 2021.