

NEW DRIVING LAWS

NEXUS' GLOVEBOX GUIDE

NEXUS VEHICLE RENTAL IS THE UK'S LEADING TECH DRIVEN BUSINESS MOBILITY PROVIDER, SUPPORTING COMPANIES AND FLEETS OF ALL SIZES.

We combine unrivalled vehicle choice and service – helping our customers to drive down costs and keep their business moving.

Our award-winning, online rental booking platform, IRIS, enables business customers to access more than 550,000 vehicles, including 100,000 specialist and commercial vehicles, and 50,000 HGVs, across 2,000 locations. New bookings can be made in 30 seconds and repeat bookings in just 10 at the click of a mouse or via smartphone.

Our software works to minimise errors and enables customers to self-serve, putting them in control of their entire rental process. IRIS' MI suite also spots trends in vehicle usage to identify inefficiencies in the rental process – helping users to make informed decisions about business costs and unnecessary spending.



OUR GLOVEBOX GUIDES

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KNOW THE LAW

In September 2022, the British government introduced four new driving laws **with immediate effect**. While implemented to protect all road users, the laws focus particularly on safeguarding cyclists and pedestrians. There are also provisions to ensure adequate air quality in UK city centres.

To help you understand the new laws and what could happen to motorists should they break them, we've put together this handy guide to keep you – and other roads users – safe and up to date.



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MOBILE PHONE USAGE

FOLLOWING THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON TEXTING AND CALLING, MOBILE PHONE USAGE OF ANY KIND WHILST DRIVING IS NOW ILLEGAL.

This includes changing music and satnav locations while moving. Motorists caught violating these laws will receive six points on their license and a £200 fine. Additionally, If the driver committed the offence within two years of passing their test, they are at risk of losing their license altogether.

● DID YOU KNOW?

According to the DVSA, 70,000 drivers in the UK currently have points on their license for CU80 offences (using a mobile phone while driving), and so far in 2022, Brits have paid £2.2m in fines.



02

TRANSPORTING GOODS TO EUROPE

VEHICLES BETWEEN 2.5 TONNES AND 3.5 TONNES THAT CROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS AND CONDUCT ACTIVITIES FOR 'HIRE OR REWARD' WILL COME IN SCOPE OF OPERATOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND WILL NEED TO OBTAIN AN INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR'S LICENSE.

The rules apply to those transporting goods in the EU, as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. They are also being applied to both cars and vans towing trailers as well as vans or other light goods vehicles.

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SPEED LIMITERS

ALL NEW CAR MODELS MUST NOW BE FITTED WITH A SPEED LIMITER.

These are actually called 'Intelligence Speed Assistance' (ISA) black boxes, which will use an in-built GPS to monitor varying speed limits on journeys and ensure vehicles remain at that speed.

This limiter caps a car's top speed by restricting engine power. However, the responsibility of adhering to speed limits still lies with the vehicle driver.

- It is a good idea to instruct your drivers always to stay well within the speed limit, which is just that – a limit – not a target. Driving at or just under can catch people out if it changes without them noticing.



The minimum penalty for speeding is a £100 fine and three penalty points added to a licence. Drivers may also be given the option to attend a speed awareness course if they have not done one in the last three years, or the police decide its more appropriate for the offence. Any speeding penalty may cause increased challenges for those whose job relies upon their driving.

04

LOW EMISSION ZONES

ALONG WITH OTHER EUROPEAN CITIES, LONDON, BRIGHTON AND BIRMINGHAM HAVE ADOPTED LOW EMISSION ZONES TO HELP CURB DANGEROUS LEVELS OF AIR POLLUTION IN CITY CENTRES.

These are becoming more widespread, with Portsmouth and Newcastle also introducing their own zones with fines for those entering without a license and not paying.

If you receive a fine whilst driving a rental vehicle booked through Nexus, we will pay this fine on your behalf immediately to ensure the fine does not increase. A standard admin fee will be charged. This is achieved via our world-leading IRIS platform, which automatically settles any fines that are incurred whilst your vehicle is being leased through us.



- What is more, Nexus' award-winning rental management system, IRIS, allows users to access a large selection of EV rentals available, allowing businesses to gradually make the switch from combustion vehicles to electric.

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HIGHWAY CODE CHANGES

LOOKING BEYOND 2022, NEXT YEAR WILL SEE NEW HIERARCHY SYSTEM FOR ROAD USERS THAT WILL BE PUT IN PLACE.

This is incredibly important for fleets and large vehicle drivers; if an accident were to occur on the road, the responsibility falls to the driver of the larger vehicle.

● In order, the new hierarchy:

- 01 PEDESTRIANS
- 02 CYCLISTS
- 03 HORSE RIDERS
- 04 MOTORCYCLISTS
- 05 CARS/TAXIS
- 06 VANS/MINIBUSES
- 07 HGVS/PASSENGER VEHICLES



WHAT DO BUSINESSES NEED TO CONSIDER WITH REGARD TO THE NEW LAWS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES?

To protect drivers from getting caught out by these new laws, businesses should provide drivers with a full brief of the rules and additional training sessions to help them adapt to these changes. Businesses should also check with their selected insurance companies that their policies are updated in line with the new rules to further minimise risk to drivers.

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