



CLARIFICATION ON DELINQUENCY CHARGES ON FAILED RENEWALS OF DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA), wishes to clarify and provide the legal basis for delinquency charges on application for renewal or replacement of expired driver's licence.

The Authority has noted concerns over charges imposed at our service centres by our clients whose driver licences have expired and required renewal or replacement.

For the avoidance of doubt, the responsibility for holding a driver's licence is to ensure that the licence is active at all times. At no point is a driver's licence supposed to be allowed to expire.

To this end, the **Road Traffic Regulations, 2026 (LI 2519)** provides under **Regulation 46(1)** that a driver's licence may be renewed at any time within one month before the licence expires upon payment of the prescribed fee. It also assures that such a renewal shall have effect from the date of expiry.

In addition, **subregulation 6 of Regulation 46 of LI 2519** states that a licence is subject to renewal every two years and it is to be replaced after 6 years from the date it was issued.

Further, **subregulation 7 of Regulation 46 of LI 2519** imposes a duty on the licence holder to renew the licence personally after having passed an eye test and having provided evidence of undergoing training with a certified driver training institution.

Consequently, the **Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (LI 2512)** spells out penalties in the form of delinquencies which are to be paid by licence holders who have failed to renew their licences before the expiry date. LI 2512 provides the delinquency categorizations as follows:

1. Delinquency for non-renewal (one sticker) – Ghc52.00
2. Delinquency for non-renewal (two stickers) – Ghc104.00
3. Driver licence renewal (7 to 12 months) – delinquency – Ghc75.00
4. Driver licence renewal (above 1 year to 2 years) – delinquency – Ghc111.00
5. Driver licence renewal (above 2 years) – delinquency – Ghc148.00

Having established the legal basis for imposing penalties/delinquency charges on failed renewals before expiry of driver's licence, we wish to encourage our cherished clients to ensure the timely renewals of their licences in order to avoid the payment of penalties.

In order to ensure that licence holders are informed of renewal or replacement of the driver's licence, the Authority sends alert SMS notifications to driver's licence holders through the phone numbers used for the licence application process on two occasions: (1) a month before the date of expiry of driver's licence and (2) weeks before the expiry of driver's licence.

DVLA remains committed to upholding the highest driver standards, and expect holders of licences to abide by the responsibilities holding a driver's licence comes with.

Thank you



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