

# Your Trans Friend's guide to changing your drivers licence:

This guide will take you through the processes for updating your drivers licence in both Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK, as the processes differ slightly. Information on the Northern Irish process is based on the limited information that could be gleaned from the NIdirect.gov website and online forums such as Transgender UK reddit, if you believe information needs to be added or corrected in this section please contact us at [YourTransFriend.org@gmail.com](mailto:YourTransFriend.org@gmail.com) .

## Driver's licence process:

### If you're based in Northern Ireland:

Free—as long as you're changing a full one you already have.

For this you will need a DL1 Form, available from most post offices. Once complete, send the form along with your old driver's licence.

(all information found via  
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/keeping-your-driving-licence-date#toc-3>)

### If you're in the rest of the UK:

This 'doesn't cost anything'; **however**, if you want to change your photo at the same time, this will cost you £17.

How to complete the process:

Fill out the standard form for DVLA for the type of vehicle you're using and send with your old driver's licence and any original documents confirming your new name or gender.

The documents they accept:

-A deed poll.

-GRC.

-Statutory declaration: You can get an official statement confirming that you've changed name or gender (called 'a statutory declaration') from:

- A solicitor.
- A magistrate.
- A Commissioner for Oaths.

Statutory declarations have a fixed price of £5 by law and £2 for each exhibit to a statutory declaration.

([http://www.andnotary.eu/docs/statutory\\_declaration\\_charging\\_for\\_use\\_in\\_UK.pdf](http://www.andnotary.eu/docs/statutory_declaration_charging_for_use_in_UK.pdf))

Commissioner for Oaths:

Information found via research on private law firms' offerings of this service. (found on <https://www.notary.co.uk/price/breakdown.html> on 15/02/2020)

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