Medical conditions and driving

Neurological or mental health conditions could affect your ability to drive safely.

There are national guidelines around driving with a medical condition and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority must be informed if you develop a notifiable medical condition or a condition that has got worse since you got your licence. If your doctor tells you that you must stop driving due to your health condition then you must inform the DVLA.

How do I tell the DVLA?
First check if you need to alert the DVLA about your condition. Visit the government website: www.gov.uk/driving-medical-conditions and click on the link under ‘How to tell DVLA’ to find the correct medical condition. If it says that you do need to inform the DVLA, then there will be a form for you to fill in.

Surrendering your driving licence
You may also be required to surrender your licence if your GP or health professional tells you to stop driving because of your medical condition. If you surrender your licence voluntarily it may mean you can start driving again sooner.

When will I hear from the DVLA?
A decision can take up to six weeks, but the DVLA will write to you if they think it will take longer.

Further information, along with the relevant forms can be found at: www.gov.uk/driving-medical-conditions or contact the DVLA by using the electronic form on the website.

Failure to inform the DVLA could result in a fine up to £1000, and you could also be prosecuted if you have an accident.

Ref: Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority website