



## **New Drivers Act**

**Once you have passed your driving test, you will be on probation for two years from the date that you passed**

Under the New Drivers Act your driving licence will be revoked if you build up six or more penalty points within the first two years. If revoked, you will need to re-apply for a provisional driving licence and you will revert to learner driver status. You will then have to pay for, take and pass both the theory and practical driving tests again to regain your full licence.

Be aware that it is the date of the offence that is relevant, not the date that the points are given (conviction). Your licence will still be revoked even if the two year probation period had elapsed before the points are put on your licence.

### **After passing your retest**

It's important to remember that passing a retest doesn't remove the penalty points from your driving licence. The penalty points remain valid.

### **Penalty points gained before passing your driving test**

If you have any penalty points on your licence before passing your first driving test, these are taken into account. Having six or more points doesn't mean your licence will be revoked straight after you pass your test. However getting more points after passing your test will mean your licence will be revoked if the total points is six or more.

(If you had six points on your licence before you passed your test, your licence would only be revoked if you get any more points in the probationary period).

### **Who is affected by the New Drivers Act**

The act applies to all drivers from Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the European Community and European Economic Area, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Gibraltar.

### **Drivers from designated countries**

The Act applies to you if you have exchanged a driving licence from a designated country for a British licence and pass a further driving test in this country.

The designated countries are:

Australia, Barbados, British Virgin islands, Canada, Falkland Islands, Faroe Islands, Hong Kong, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland and Zimbabwe.