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European driving licence (EU/EEA) lost or stolen in France: how?

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The approach is different depending on the nature of your stay in France: travel or installation.

You travel in France

In case of **loss** or **flight** of your driving licence European during a holiday or a professional or family trip in France, **contact your consulate or embassy**.

You will be issued **certificate** on the validity and extent of your driving rights.

Otherwise, you will be referred to the body responsible for issuing this certificate.

You **driving in France** during **Maximum 2 months** by having with you this certificate and the certificate of loss or theft of your licence.

Back in your country, you will need to contact the appropriate authorities to obtain a new permit.

You are settled in France

If you are settled in France, the European the person who issued your driver's licence is no longer competent to renew it.

application to exchange your licence for a french licence ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1758?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1758?lang=en)
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If your licence has been stolen, don't forget to report the theft to the police or police station.

Statute and miscellaneous references

- Route Code: items R222-1 to R222-8 (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006074228/LEGISCTA000006159563)
Exchange of a driving licence issued by a European country for a French licence

General tax code: Articles 1628a

- (https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/article_lc/LEGIARTI000020548838)
Cost of the permit in case of non-presentation of the old title (Article 1628b)

Order of 8 February 1999 laying down the conditions for the recognition and exchange of driving licences issued by the States belonging to the EU

- and the EEA (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/LEGITEXT000005627531/>)

FAQ

Loss or theft of driving licence: how do i get a tax stamp? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34118?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34118?lang=en)

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Can I drive in France with a foreigner licence? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34816?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34816?lang=en)

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What fine is a foreigner liable for a traffic offence in France? ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F414?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F414?lang=en)

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Additional topics

Driving in France with a European (EEA) licence ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1757?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1757?lang=en)

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Exchange of a driving licence obtained in Europe (EEA) ([https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1758?](https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1758?lang=en)

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- Brexit, where do we stand? (<https://brexit.gouv.fr/sites/brexit/accueil/le-brexit-cest-quoi.html>)
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