

Your Legal Questions

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Q My husband has recently passed away; do I need to contact the DVLA about his driving licence and our car which is registered in his name? I will still need to use the car.

A You do need to notify the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) of your husband's death as soon as possible. You will need to send them your husband's driving licence and the "log book" or registration certificate (V5C). You can write to the DVLA at DVLA, Swansea, SA99 1DD.

It is important to get the V5C put into your name as soon as possible. Don't forget to contact your motor insurance company too as the insurance must also be put into your sole name.

To get the car ownership in your sole name you will need to complete the V5C:

- fill in the section requiring 'new keeper details'
- sign and date the 'new keeper declaration'
- tear off and keep the 'new keeper's supplement'

Send the registration certificate with a covering letter, explaining that your husband has passed away. The DVLA state that you should receive a new registration document within four weeks of DVLA getting your letter.

If you can't find the V5C you will need to write to the DVLA with form V62 'Application for a vehicle registration certificate' which you can pick up from your local Post Office or download from the DVLA website.