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Upgrade an automatic car driving licence to a manual one

If your licence is only for automatic cars, you can upgrade it by passing a driving test in a manual car.

Learning to drive a manual car

You can start learning to drive a manual car at any time. You don't need to apply for another provisional licence.

You must follow all the usual rules when you're learning to drive (<https://www.gov.uk/driving-lessons-learning-to-drive>) in a manual car. This includes displaying L plates.

Book a driving test

You don't need to take a theory test to upgrade your licence.

You have to book a driving test by phone with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency ([DVSA](https://www.gov.uk/dvsa)). You can't book it online.

You need:

- a debit or credit card to pay for the cost of the test (<https://www.gov.uk/driving-test-cost>)
- to choose which driving test centre (<https://www.gov.uk/find-driving-test-centre>) you want to take the test at

DVSA driving test booking support

Telephone: 0300 200 1122

Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm

Find out about call charges (<https://www.gov.uk/call-charges>)

Taking the driving test

The driving test (<https://www.gov.uk/driving-test>) works in the same way for a manual car as it does an automatic.

You can continue driving an automatic car if you fail your driving test in a manual car.

Driving and transport

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- Driving lessons and learning to drive (<https://www.gov.uk/driving-lessons-learning-to-drive>)
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