

Disabled Competitors

Guidance on applying for a Motorsport UK Competition Licence

Motorsport UK aims to make motor sport broadly accessible and as long as you can show you are competent, safe and medically fit behind the wheel, there is no reason why you can't compete in motorsport, whatever your disability.

Motorsport UK will sometimes need to refer to Consultants or Specialists; all information will be treated in the strictest of confidence subject to disclosure of necessity for example in the event of injury or other need for treatment at an Event.

The Application submission

Any applicant with a congenital abnormality of any limb or amputation or having any other mobility restriction must contact the Medical Administrator at Motorsport UK medical@motorsportuk.org who will be pleased to assist with your application.

Any applicant wishing to obtain a competition licence and who is required to go through a school's assessment, please **do not** purchase a pack or book training with an ARDS (Association of Racing Drivers Schools), BARS (British Association of Rally Schools) or ARKS (Association of Racing Kart Schools) school **until** your licence assessment form has been returned and approved by Motorsport UK. <https://www.motorsportuk.org/Competitors/Disabled-Competitors-Applicants/Disabled-Competitors-Applicants>

For Non-Race licences, once the Licence Assessment form has been approved the applicant will then be directed to the Motorsport UK website where they will be able to download and print off an 'Application for a Non-Race Motorsport UK Competition Licence' <https://www.motorsportuk.org/Resource-Centre/Competitors/-/Licensing>

Sections 1 & 2 of the Licence Application form are to be completed by the applicant. Section 3 is to be completed by the applicant's GP and must be supplemented with a letter from the GP detailing the applicant's medical condition.

For safety reasons all applicants must be able to exit the vehicle unaided from a fully strapped in position within 10 seconds regardless of discipline or competition vehicle.

The applicant must therefore submit a video recording to Motorsport UK of themselves exiting the proposed competition vehicle or similar competition vehicle commencing with the applicant seated in a position ready for competition wearing full personal safety equipment including helmet, FHR (where applicable), with seatbelts fastened and steering wheel in place. We will retain a copy of the video as a record. Please send this with your Licence application to medical@motorsportuk.org or via post to the Medical Administrator.

Applicants must obtain an official Motorsport UK Disability sticker which must be affixed to their vehicle on both sides adjacent to the competition numbers in compliance with Regulation H12.1.7 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook.

Two stickers will be made available free of charge for each licensed disabled competitor.

Taking your driving test (ARDS/BARS/ARKS only)

Once your Licence Assessment has been completed and approved, you are ready to buy your Go Racing/Rallying/Karting packs. When you have decided where you wish to take your test, you must inform Motorsport UK of your chosen school. Motorsport UK will then contact the ARDS/BARS/ARKS school to inform your examiner of your disability and the

approved controls you will use in your exam. Once this has been done, you can contact the school directly to book a suitable day to take your test.

Issue of Licence

Once the course has been completed, the signed confirmation form from the ARDS/ARKS/BARS instructor must be sent to the Medical Administrator at medical@motorsportuk.org. The application will go through its final review. The licence will be issued with any conditions or specific details of any Motorsport UK Vehicle Passport number(s) issued on the back of the licence and any restrictions such as use of automatic transmission cars only.

Should circumstances change, then the Competition Licence Holder is required to inform the Motorsport UK Medical Administrator who will support and advise as necessary.

Details of Restrictions and Conditions on Licence

Restrictions to an automatic only licence will apply if the applicant has taken their ARDS or BARS exam in a car with an automatic transmission. If the driver wishes to have these restrictions removed, they will have to apply to Motorsport UK who will ask for details and footage of the driver driving a manual car on a circuit or stage. Another ARDS or BARS exam may be required but this will be subject to Motorsport UK assessing the footage sent in and the details of the manual controls.

Any driver with any kind of medical condition including any kind of disability cannot pay for the Express Handling service.

Motorsport UK Vehicle Passport

All disabled drivers who compete with adaptations must have a valid Motorsport UK Vehicle Passport which details the adaptations fitted to the competition vehicle. A separate passport is required for each vehicle you wish to use at Motorsport UK events. In order to issue a Motorsport UK vehicle passport an inspection by selected scrutineers is required and will be of no charge when completed for categories which do not normally require a vehicle passport.

Failure to produce a valid Motorsport UK Vehicle Passport will result in exclusion from competitions.

If the type of adaptation changes from the controls detailed on the vehicle passport or the initial assessment form then Motorsport UK must be consulted.

Please contact the Technical Department technical@motorsportuk.org who will guide you through the process.

Please see attached flowchart for ease which can also be found at

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/Competitors/Disabled-Competitors-Applicants/Disabled-Competitors-Applicants>

Key contacts

Medical Administrator	medical@motorsportuk.org	01753 765011
Safety Team	safety@motorsportuk.org	01753 765041
Technical Team	technical@motorsportuk.org	01753 765000

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