NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

Bailiwick Driving Licences for Sark Residents

By letter of July 2007, to the Seneschal, the Environment Department of the States of Guernsey agreed that there is currently an anomaly in the area of the period of residency required by Sark residents to enable an exchange of a driving licence, for one issued outside the Bailiwick, for a Bailiwick driving licence.

It is also clear that Guernsey will, in due course, undoubtedly make changes to the laws to ensure that Sark residents must change their licences within twelve months of taking up residency, as currently required for Guernsey & Alderney residents. Should a Guernsey & Alderney resident not exchange their licence within twelve months of taking up residence the Driving Licence Authority in Guernsey will only issue them with a Provisional Licence and requires that person to take a driving test.

You are strongly urged, if you have recently become resident in Sark or have been resident for longer than twelve months and have not yet exchanged your other jurisdiction's driving licence, to exchange your licence now; prior to any changes made to the current law.

Please also be aware that driving licence applications should not be made directly to the Guernsey Licensing Authority but through the Sark Greffe Office; who are required to certify that you are a bone-fide resident of Sark. Applying directly to Guernsey, even in person, inevitably leads to confusion and delays as the Licensing Authority always requires the form of certification from the Greffier.

Lt Col RJ Guille MBE
Seneschal

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