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Extension to Share Driving Licence code 'a victory for common sense'

RAC reacts to news that the DVLA has extended the validity of the Share Driving Licence code from 72 hours to 21 days:

RAC head of external affairs Pete Williams said: “This is a dramatic U-turn from the DVLA which feels very much like a victory for common sense. Presumably they were inundated with complaints from private motorists and businesses alike about three days being far too short a period to share your licence with a hire car company or an employer.

“The move to three weeks is sensible as it provides sufficient flexibility for people hiring a car in the second or third week of a holiday or business trip.

“The big question is why was the validity of the ‘share your licence’ code was fixed at three days in the first place, particularly as the system was brought in on the back of the abolition of the paper counterpart which took the DVLA typically far longer to update with new endorsements.”

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