



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3292
We received your request on the 01/04/2025.

Request

You asked us:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding offences related to driving without a valid licence within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like to request the following data for the period between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2024:

- 1. The total number of recorded offences where individuals were found to be driving without a valid licence**
- 2. The number of arrests made for driving without a valid licence**
- 3. The number of individuals who were caught driving with an expired licence**
- 4. The number of fines issued for driving without a licence, an expired licence or a valid licence, along with the total value of fines imposed**
- 5. The number of individuals who received a driving ban due to driving without a licence**
- 6. The number of cases involving breaches of provisional licence terms**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Please note:

- 2019- 2023 will include periods of time when rail passenger numbers were low, or recovering, from the results of COVID19 lockdowns (no unnecessary travel).
- BTP as the specialist police force for the railway(s) in England, Scotland & Wales will not be routinely involved in roads policing, except at level crossings.
- We cannot count arrests in Scotland in the same way.
- BTP does not have access to Scottish court outcomes.

We have searched our crime system for the following offences from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 (by recorded date):

- Road Traffic - Driving While Disqualified From Holding Or Obtaining Licence (Z67)
- Road Traffic - Other Road Traffic Offences Not Listed (Z69)

We have then manually reviewed the MO Comments field to narrow down to those offences related to driving licenses.

Q1, Q3 and Q6 are answered in the table below:

Type of Driving Licence Breach	Number of BTP crime records on Niche from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 (by recorded date)
Disqualified	14
Driving without licence	26
Expired licence	5
Provisional licence	18
Total	63

Q2

The driving licence offences shown in the table above have only 4 which involved the individual being arrested when looking at records in England & Wales from 01/01/2020 to 01/04/2025 (correct as of 02/04/2025).

Q4 and Q5

The driving licence offences shown in the table above have only 13 records of individuals who went to court in England & Wales where a fine was imposed. The total of these 13 records equates to £3017 (correct as of 02/04/2025).

The driving licence offences shown in the table above have only 5 records where the courts in England & Wales imposed disqualification from driving against the individual (correct as of 02/04/2025).