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**Photo-card Driving licence**

As from 21 January 2013 and in accordance with the Traffic (Third Driving Licence Directive) Regulations 2012, HM Government of Gibraltar will be introducing and issuing a new photo-card driving licence based on the Community Model. This driving licence will have an administrative validity of 15 years.

This new photo-card driving licence will be issued to new drivers; therefore, all driving licences issued with entitlements starting on or after 19 January 2013 will be in the new format.

Notwithstanding, existing drivers will be able to continue to drive with their present driving licence until 2033 or they attain the age of seventy, whichever comes first. Bus and Lorry entitlements will as at present continue to have an administrative validity of 5 years.

These measures are required by EU law, namely Directive 2006/126/EC as amended by Directive 2009/113/EC, and are due for implementation by 19<sup>th</sup> January. Government is pleased to have undertaken the necessary steps to meet that deadline.

Further information on the above may be obtained from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department offices at Eastern Beach Road.