

Fact Sheet

VE103 – Vehicle on Hire Certificate

It's Purpose

The VE103 – Vehicle on Hire Certificate must be carried in all rented or leased vehicles when travelling abroad if the vehicle registration document is not available. It is the only legal alternative to the vehicle registration document – letters of authority and photocopies of the V5C (log book) are not valid substitutes.



Rented or leased vehicles include those on short or long term hire. This includes not only daily rental but contract hire, finance lease, contract purchased, employee car ownership schemes, in fact, every vehicle that is on a hire or rental agreement.

The Law

It is a legal requirement for drivers to carry their vehicle registration documents in the vehicle when travelling abroad. However, when the vehicle is rented, rental and leasing companies are unwilling to allow the original documents to leave their control because of the consequences of loss, fraud and theft of the documents. Instead, we provide our customers with the only acceptable substitute, the VE103 – Vehicle on Hire Certificate.

The Background

The Vehicle on Hire Certificate dates back to a UN Resolution (No. 102) adopted by the Working Party on Road Transport in December 1961. In 1963 a resolution by the

Economic Commission for Europe was implemented to prevent the international movement of stolen vehicles. The resolution required that authenticated proof was necessary to ensure that the hirer had the permission of the vehicles owner to take the vehicle abroad. The UK Government's response was to develop and implement through the DVLA the Vehicle on Hire Certificate, also known as the VE103.

What Information does it contain?

It contains information that identifies the vehicles and which is obtained from the vehicle's log book, V5C:

V5C Ref.	Information Required
A	Vehicle Registration Mark
B	Date of first registration
D1	Make
D2	Model/Type
D3	Body/Type
E	VIN/Chassis/Frame No
F1	Max permissible mass
J	Vehicle category
P1	Cylinder capacity
R	Colour
S1	No. of seats inc. driver

It also contains information on the driver of the vehicle which can be found on the driving licence.

The VE103 is valid for up to 12 months. Days Contract Hire issues them for a full year. Daily rental companies issue them for a period that the vehicle is out of the UK.

CUSTOMERS TRAVELLING WITHOUT A VE103B – VEHICLE ON HIRE CERTIFICATE MAY EXPERIENCE DELAY OR EVEN DENTENTION.

To request a VE103, please visit our 'Going Abroad' section on our website:

www.dayscontracthire.co.uk