

METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE

Important information

The vehicle owner or registered keeper at the time of seizure must attend the vehicle pound indicated on the front of this notice.

Vehicle Pound Addresses:

Charlton Police Pound	Perivale Police Pound
Bramshot Avenue	Walmgate Road
SE7 7HY	UB6 7LR

Police Pounds are open 365 days a year, 11:30am to 7:30pm.

Telephone information line: 020 7161 0944

Please note: At busy times, a vehicle may not be available for collection for up to 8 hours after seizure.

Further information can be found at: www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/vr/vehicle-recovery

If you require further assistance, you must attend the pound in person.

The reason for seizure will be indicated on the front of the seizure notice.

Vehicles seized under Section 165A Road Traffic Act 1988

The vehicle detailed overleaf has been seized under Section 165A of The Road Traffic Act 1988, because a police officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the driver did not have valid insurance or was driving otherwise than in accordance with a driving licence. The release of vehicles seized under Section 165A of The Road Traffic Act 1988 is governed by The Road Traffic Act 1988 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2005 (As Amended).

Vehicles seized under Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002

The vehicle detailed overleaf has been seized under Section 59 of The Police Reform Act 2002, because a police officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the vehicle was used in a manner causing alarm, distress or annoyance. The release of vehicles seized under Section 59 of The Police Reform Act 2002 is governed by The Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2002.

These legal requirements are not negotiable.

How to Reclaim Your Vehicle

Claiming Your Vehicle

The registered keeper or owner of the vehicle at the time of seizure is required to claim the vehicle within 7 calendar days from the date of seizure. Failure to do so will result in the vehicle and its contents being disposed of.

Prior to release of the vehicle, the documents listed below must be produced. The burden of proof to satisfy the release of the vehicle rests with the owner and/or registered keeper and not with the police. All documents must be original and unaltered. We do not accept photocopies.

The pound staff reserve the right to request additional documentation in support of your claim to the vehicle and to ensure that it is released in accordance with all relevant legislation.

1. Proof of Ownership (Vehicles seized under Section 165A Road Traffic Act 1988 AND Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002)

A. Registered Keeper

- a) Full V5C Registration Certificate (logbook); and
- b) Verifiable photographic identification; and
- c) Proof of address matching the V5C details.

B. New Keeper

- a) V5C/2 New Keeper Supplement and verifiable bill of sale/receipt; or
- b) Verification email from DVLA's online system confirming change of keeper; and
- c) Verifiable photographic identification; and
- d) Two proofs of address matching the claimed ownership details.

C. New Keeper After Seizure

- a) New keepers who have acquired the vehicle post seizure must attend with the registered keeper or owner of the vehicle at the time of seizure. Both parties must be able to satisfy their entitlement to the vehicle in accordance with the ownership requirements listed above.

2. Driving Licence (Vehicles seized under Section 165A Road Traffic Act 1988)

A valid driving licence which entitles the claimant to drive the vehicle. Learner drivers must be accompanied by a supervising driver and must display L-plates. A learner reclaiming a moped/motorcycle must also produce a valid CBT certificate. A non-EU licence holder

must also produce a passport or other evidence of immigration status and length of residence in the UK.

3. Insurance (Vehicles seized under Section 165A Road Traffic Act 1988)

A valid certificate of insurance which entitles the claimant to drive the vehicle. We will accept electronic copies providing that they have been obtained directly from the insurer via a verifiable email or online portal.

(Vehicles seized under Section 165a Road Traffic Act 1988 and Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002)

The claimant is responsible for ensuring that the vehicle is insured, taxed, roadworthy and otherwise compliant with all legal requirements, and that any person driving the vehicle holds a valid driving licence authorising them to drive that class of vehicle before it is driven from the pound.

General requirements

4. Collection by a Third Party

The owner or registered keeper of the vehicle at the time of seizure may nominate a third party to collect it on their behalf, but only after they have attended the pound in person and satisfied the legal requirement to provide proof of ownership. The nominated third party, if attending separately, will need to bring a signed letter of authority and proof of signature (e.g. a passport or driving licence) from the owner or registered keeper. Prior to attending, the nominated third party should check that the insurance policy they intend to use is valid for the release of a seized vehicle, particularly if the policyholder is not the owner or the registered keeper.

5. Payment of fees

The vehicle will not be released unless charges are paid in full. Details of the statutory removal and storage charges, set by the Home Office, can be found on the Met Police website listed below. Daily storage charges start at midday on the day after the date of seizure. Payment is accepted by cash or credit/debit card only (not American Express). The card holder must be present. We cannot accept card payments by telephone.

6. MOT

Vehicles without a current MOT test pass certificate can be driven from the pound directly to an MOT testing station. You must produce evidence of an MOT test appointment for that day. Where you are unable to produce evidence of an appointment then the vehicle cannot be driven and must be recovered.

7. Vehicle Excise Duty and Registration

Failure to correctly tax or register the vehicle is an offence. The registered keeper or owner of the vehicle is required by law to ensure that the vehicle is correctly taxed and registered.

8. Recovery

If the vehicle cannot be driven on the road for any reason, you will be required to arrange recovery at your own expense. No repairs or jump starting are allowed on site. Only professional recovery operators are permitted on site.

Complaints

If you wish to complain about the seizure of the vehicle, you must submit your complaint in writing to: Metropolitan Police Service, VRES, Walmgate Road, Perivale, UB6 7LR, or email VRESComplaints@met.police.uk

If the driver wishes to dispute the offence, they must wait until correspondence is received from the police. Please note that the procedure for disputing the offence is separate from that for disputing the seizure of the vehicle. The vehicle must be reclaimed, and the statutory removal and storage charges must be paid, even if the driver intends to dispute the offence.

If you wish to complain about the conduct of a Police Officer or member of Police Staff, this can be made at your local police station, or online by visiting www.met.police.uk or www.policeconduct.gov.uk

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If you have any further questions, then you must attend the pound in person.