

## **CAR HIRE. MAJOR PROVIDERS and WHAT THEY WILL WANT from CUSTOMERS.**

### **STANDARD REQUIREMENTS:**

- You must have held a full driving licence for at least a year.
- You must be at least 21.
- Young drivers (under 25) often cannot have fast or expensive cars.
- Young drivers (under 25) usually have to pay a surcharge.
- Drivers aged over 70 may face restrictions.
- The owner of the car is responsible for the car, whoever is driving.
- Endorsements on your licence using the letters UT or IN will prevent a rental.
- Endorsements on your licence using the letters DD or DR must be 5 years old.
- Bans of over 6 months must be over 5 years old.
- Bans of over 2 years will prevent a rental.
- Licences with 12 current points or more will prevent a rental.
- You will be able to drive anywhere in mainland UK (so not Northern Ireland).
- Rentals to drive further will be by special arrangements with providers like [www.nationalcar.com](http://www.nationalcar.com) (see also [www.nationalcar.co.uk](http://www.nationalcar.co.uk))

### **WHAT YOU will NEED WHEN YOU COLLECT YOUR CAR or VAN:**

- A full driving licence for all named drivers, with details of all endorsements.
- If you hold a UK photo-card licence, you also need to bring the paper counterpart.
- Proof of address like a bank statement
- Non UK residents must produce a full valid passport
- You must have a Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Diners or Visa Delta card. A deposit will be secured against this card. Many companies don't accept Maestro or Visa Electron.

### **WHAT YOU'LL PAY FOR:**

- Daily rental charges
- Third party (basic) insurance
- Damage liability waiver (limits your total responsibility to perhaps the first £1000)
- Road fund tax
- Breakdown cover
- Usually unlimited mileage (but check!)
- Fuel used
- Refundable deposit
- A child's seat if you require one (usually with an extra deposit)
- VAT at 17.5%

### **MARKET-LEADING CAR and VAN HIRE COMPANIES:**

The following 10 companies are all large and will offer a good deal:

- Alamo at [www.alamo.co.uk](http://www.alamo.co.uk)
- Avis at [www.avis.co.uk](http://www.avis.co.uk)
- Budget at [www.budget.co.uk](http://www.budget.co.uk)
- easyCar at [www.easyCar.com](http://www.easyCar.com)
- Enterprise at [www.enterprise.co.uk](http://www.enterprise.co.uk)
- Europcar at [www.europcar.co.uk](http://www.europcar.co.uk)
- Hertz at [www.hertz.co.uk](http://www.hertz.co.uk)
- National at [www.nationalcar.co.uk](http://www.nationalcar.co.uk)
- Sixt at [www.e-sixt.co.uk](http://www.e-sixt.co.uk)
- Thrifty at [www.thrifty.co.uk](http://www.thrifty.co.uk)