

Travelling in Europe

Strict regulations for essential travel to France

As the world continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries have introduced border and travel restrictions.

Here, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has warned UK nationals against all non-essential global travel 'indefinitely' and has urged all tourists and short-stay travellers to return to the UK as soon as possible.

RAC European Breakdown policyholders who need to travel to the EU should check the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website to find out what restrictions are in place for the countries they are travelling to. While our European breakdown service is operating, restrictions vary from country to country. The RAC will do its very best to help any customers who break down in Europe, but cannot currently guarantee normal service.

France has imposed particularly strict regulations for driving to, through and within the country. If a policyholder needs to travel to France, they must complete an 'attestation' form and show it to border officials and the police on request. This form must state one of seven official reasons for entering the country. You can find the 'attestation' form here (see 'International travel to metropolitan France' section).

Once in France, drivers must either have a personal or employer's certificate with them. The personal certificate needs to be completed by the driver and the employer's professional travel waiver certificate must be filled in and signed by the driver's manager. You download all 'attestation' forms from the French Government website.

For other EU countries, regulations may differ and we advise that you check the following weblinks for advice before travel.

https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

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