| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1120  Responded to: 24 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding offences related to driving without a valid licence within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like to request the following data for the period between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2024:

## The total number of recorded offences where individuals were found to be driving without a valid licence

## The number of arrests made for driving without a valid licence

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

## The number of individuals who were caught driving with an expired licence

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, each driving related offence would need to be manually examined to determine if it was noted within the free text that a driver licence had expired

## 4. The number of fines issued for driving without a licence, an expired licence or a valid licence, along with the total value of fines imposed

## 5. The number of individuals who received a driving ban due to driving without a licence

In response to the two questions above, the information requested is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, sentencing information is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) at [foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk)

## 6. The number of cases involving breaches of provisional licence terms

Similarly to question 3, to identify any cases involving breaches of provisional licences, each record would need to be manually examined. As such, in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance, I am refusing to provide the information requested.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.