

How to remove yourself from the organ donor register

Please note, the official NHS/DVLA process is no substitute for a valid, detailed advance decision notice that specifically rejects your agreement to donate your organs, along with any other healthcare choices you prefer to make.



For detailed information on the benefits of creating an Advance Decision Notice (often known as a 'Living Will'), go to:

<https://blog.mymedicalchoice.org/2025/05/21/advance-decision-notice-v-medical-legal-protection-system-features-and-benefits/>

This process is for people who do NOT want to donate organs or had previously opted out but have discovered they are still on the register.

Steps to removing yourself from the NHS register

1. Go to: <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-your-decision/>
2. You are given choices to register to donate or not to donate. Choose the red box 'Register not to donate':

 <p>Register to donate Choose this option if you would like to donate some or all of your organs and tissue.</p> <p>DONATE Register a decision to donate</p>	 <p>Register not to donate Choose this option to record a decision not to donate your organs and tissue.</p> <p>DO NOT DONATE Register a decision not to donate (opt out)</p>
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3. You'll be asked to fill in your personal details – name, address, etc. Once you've completed the short form, at the end click:

Confirmation

Submit - I do not want to donate my organs

IMPORTANT! Do NOT use the 'Withdraw your registration', as doing so removes your donation decisions from the register – which is the opposite objective for completing this process. Your records must state you are NOT an organ donor.

The NHS process is complete. You should get written confirmation of your organ donation status, so look out for the letter. Now go to the DLVA section.

Steps to removing code 115 (organ donor) from your driving licence

1. Check the back of your driving licence at the bottom on the left. You will see the number 12. If there is the number 115 next to the number 12, it means the DVLA has you on their system as an organ donor:



2. Call the DVLA on: 0300 790 6801
3. Provide your name, full address, and date of birth so they can access your licence details.
4. Explain why you're calling and ask why you are registered as a donor with the DVLA when you opted out of the NHS donor register years ago. If finding out your driving licence states you are an organ donor distresses you, then make that clear to the DVLA. Insist you need this incorrect data removed from the DVLA's records with immediate effect.
5. The DVLA staff member should then explain what needs to be done and that you need to return your licence in order to have one with the correct data on it issued to you.
6. Ask for a priority address to use to return your licence – they will email it to you if you ask.
7. Include a covering letter, such as:

To whom it may concern,

*I am returning my driving licence for replacement, as it contains incorrect information—specifically, Code 115. For clarity, I am **not** an organ donor and opted out of the NHS register several years ago.*

*Please correct this error and update your records accordingly. When issuing the replacement licence with the correct information, kindly confirm in writing that your internal records have also been amended to reflect that I am **not** an organ donor.*

Yours faithfully,

Your name here.

Return your driving licence with the covering letter. Your replacement should be with you in roughly 3 weeks. Check the replacement to ensure it has the correct information on it before use.

If you are concerned about how your data has been used incorrectly, you can make a complaint here: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-agency/about/complaints-procedure and follow the procedure for making a formal complaint.

Or write to:

Complaints Team

DVLA

Swansea

SA6 7JL

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Please visit our Facebook group for more information on this and other medical protection-related issues:

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