Overseas Driver's Licence Transfer

Recognised Countries and Translation Services

Recognised Countries

For recognised country, eligibility refer to the table on the right and answer the following questions:

- Do you hold a current driver's licence from a recognised country; or
- Has this driver's licence expired by less than 12 months?

If so, when applying for a WA licence:

- You are exempt from taking the Computerised Theory Test (CTT) on the road rules; and
- You may be exempt from the requirement to undertake a Practical Driving Assessment (PDA).

Experienced Driver Recognised Countries

If your driver's licence is issued by an experienced driver recognised country and you are 25 years of age or older, WA will recognise your overseas driving experience.

Upon application for the grant of a WA driver's licence you will be exempt from the CTT and PDA (car and motorcycle only), provided that your overseas driver's licence has not expired by more than 12 months.

You must pass a theory test and PDA for any other class of vehicle that you wish to drive.

If your driver's licence is issued by an experienced driver recognised country and you are under 25 years of age, you will be required to undertake and pass the CTT and PDA prior to the grant of a WA driver's licence.

Non-English Language Driver's Licences

If your overseas driver's licence document is not in English, you must present an official translation of your overseas driver's licence document, along with your original overseas driver's licence.

Translations of overseas driver's licences are accepted from:

- National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) certified translators (including Recognised Practising).
- Tertiary qualified translators.
- Permanent Pre-2007 NAATI Accredited Practitioners listed on the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) website.
- The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) 'Free Translating Service' (please refer to their website for further information).
- Official consulates or embassies:
 - Translations undertaken by consulates or embassies **are only** accepted where the language required to be translated is not provided by NAATI or a tertiary qualified translator.

Note: For NAATI translations, DoT will not accept translations by an accredited translator dated after 1 January 2018 (excluding translators holding Permanent Pre-2007 NAATI Accreditation listed on the OMI website). Translations by a NAATI translator dated before 1 January 2018 are not affected and will still be accepted.

Recognised Countries						
Austria	Germany	Luxembourg	Spain			
Belgium	Greece*	Malta****	Sweden			
Bosnia- Herzegovina	Guernsey	Netherlands	Switzerland			
Canada	Ireland**	New Zealand	United Kingdom*****			
Croatia	Isle of Man***	Norway	United States of America			
Denmark	Italy	Portugal				
Finland	Japan	Singapore				
France	Jersey	Christmas & Cocos (Keeling) Islands				

* Greece - driver's licence must be the credit card style and not the laminated paper style.

The laminated paper style cannot be accepted to grant a WA driver's licence or as proof of a licence. ** Ireland - Licences from the Republic of Ireland require verification before transfer can occur.

*** Isle of Man - the licence was issued on or after 1 November 1991.

**** Malta - the licence was issued on or after 2 January 2004.

***** United Kingdom - Including Gibraltar and Northern Ireland.

Experienced Driver Recognised Countries						
Bulgaria	Hong Kong*	Poland	Slovak Republic			
Cyprus (Republic of)	Hungary	Republic of Korea (South Korea)	Slovenia			
Czech Republic	Latvia	Romania	South Africa			
Estonia	Lithuania	Republic of Serbia	Taiwan			
* Hong Kong driver's licence holders are to complete a Customer Consent to Obtain Information from						

Hong Kong Licensing Authority (E56C) form at a DVS centre or regional DoT office or agent. Provide information regarding the date the licence was obtained, and supporting documentation.

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Country and office name	Contact address	Post Office Box / Email / Internet	Telephone / Fax
Afghanistan Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan All telephone enquiries should be made between 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Monday to Friday	4 Beale Crescent, Deakin ACT 2600	https://www.canberra.mfa.af/ contact-us.html	T (02) 6282 7377
Bangladesh The High Commission of Bangladesh All telephone enquiries should be made between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	57 Culgoa Circuit, O'Malley ACT 2606	consular.canberra@mofa.gov.bd	T (02) 6290 0511 F (02) 6290 0544
India VFS Global Indian Visa Services Applications must be made online and printed documents sent to the contact address	Suite 2, Level 3, 182 St Georges Tce, Perth WA 6000	https://services.vfsglobal.com/ aus/en/ind	T (08) 9221 4205
Indonesia The Consulate of The Republic of Indonesia, Perth	134 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth WA 6004	PO Box 6683, East Perth WA 6892 perth.kjri@kemlu.go.id https://www.kemlu.go.id/perth/en	T (08) 9221 5858 F (08) 9221 5688
Iraq The Consulate-General of the Republic of Iraq	Level 4, 75 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000	info@iraqiconsulatesydney.org	T (02) 9237 0600 F (02) 9221 1553
Pakistan The High Commission of Pakistan	4 Perth Avenue, Yarralumla ACT 2600	PO Box 7130, Yarralumla ACT 2600 ca@pakistan.org.au https://www.pakistan.org.au/	T (02) 6273 1114

Photograph, Photocopy or Scanned copy accepted

Customers are no longer required to send their original overseas driver's licence to NAATI for translation. Customers can send an email containing a photograph, photocopy or electronic scanned copy of their original driver's licence for translation. The photograph, photocopy or electronic scan must:

- include the front and rear of the driver's licence including all edges;
- be completely legible; and
- be in colour.

The NAATI certified translator will translate the copy of the overseas driver's licence and advise the type of copy provided for the translation (i.e. photograph, photocopy or electronic scan).

The translation will be stamped with a NAATI stamp and returned to the customer, via scanned copy through email.

The customer must attend a DVS centre, regional DoT office or agent with:

- the original overseas driver's licence (regardless of where the licence translation was obtained);
- the photograph, photocopied, or electronic scan driver's licence that was sent to the NAATI translator;
- the accompanying translation; and
- all other required documents for the transfer of the overseas driver's licence.

Translation and Interpreting Services

If you require an interpreter, phone 13 11 56 and request an interpreter for your language. We also provide on-site interpreters for face-to-face interviews.



