

FACT SHEET

Converting to an NZ Driver Licence



Why you need an NZ driver licence

- You can drive on NZ roads with a valid overseas car licence for up to 18 months & up to 12 months on a motorcycle or heavy vehicle licence from your last date of entry into NZ
- After this period you will need to convert to a valid NZ driver licence to drive legally



Where you can convert to an NZ driver licence

- At selected AA Centres and AA Driver Licensing Agents that are approved **Overseas Licence Conversion Sites**
- **30+ AA locations** around New Zealand



Important

- To apply for an overseas conversion, the customer must apply in person
- This is an in-person process that is done by Waka Kotahi NZTA approved sites



What you need to bring

- Original current overseas driver licence*
- Original current passport
- Original marriage / change of name certificates (if needed)
- Colour copies of all original documents (can be done at the AA for a charge)
- Medical certificate (if needed)
- Translation of your overseas licence (from approved translator) if not in English

*Overseas driver licence can be expired for up to one year

*You may be required to provide proof of identity depending on where your licence and ID is from



What you need to do when you come to us

- Fill out the application form
- Pay the overseas licence conversion fee
- Pass an eyesight check
- Have your signature and photo taken



Exempt and non-exempt countries

There are two different processes to convert to an NZ licence - this depends on where your driver licence is from.



If your overseas driver licence is from an exempt country

You need to bring the required documents to an AA Overseas Licence Conversion Site and apply to convert your overseas licence to an NZ licence. **You may not need to do a theory or practical test.**

If you have held your licence for less than two years, you may have to do some tests.



If your overseas driver licence is from a non-exempt country

You need to bring the required documents to an AA Overseas Licence Conversion Site and apply to convert your overseas licence to an NZ licence. **You will need to complete two steps:**



STEP ONE - Pass a theory test that tests your knowledge of NZ road rules

- You can book and do this test at one of our AA Overseas Licence Conversion Sites
- You will get an NZ temporary licence - with this licence you can only drive with a supervisor (a driver who's had their full licence for at least two years)



STEP TWO - Pass a practical driving test in a car with a testing officer on public roads

- You can make a booking for the test at one of our AA Overseas Licence Conversion Sites
- You can book and do this test at any time after passing the theory test
- When you pass the test, you will get an NZ driver licence



Converting to an NZ licence if you do not have a valid overseas driver licence

If your overseas licence has been expired for more than 12 months, you will need to go through the standard NZ driver licensing process.

Please see our website for more information.



RESOURCES

Converting to an NZ Driver Licence

For useful resources that you might need to convert to an NZ licence:

Overseas licence conversions

See our webpage for more information and check exempt / non-exempt countries.

aa.co.nz/overseas-licence-conversions



Locations

Find an AA Centre or AA Agent near you that is an Overseas Licence Conversion Site.

locations.aa.co.nz/search/overseas-licence-conversion



About NZ licences

Find out more about driver licences and the driver licensing process in New Zealand.

aa.co.nz/driver-licences



New Zealand Road Code

Get the NZ Road Code at your nearest AA Centre or buy it online on AA Shop.

shop.aa.co.nz/products/the-official-new-zealand-road-code



Preparation for theory test

Practice your knowledge and prepare for the test with the AA Road Code Practice Test.

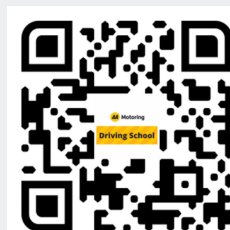
aa.co.nz/road-code-practice-test



Practical test preparation

Prepare for the practical in-car test with a training session with an AA Driving Instructor.

aa.co.nz/drivers



Approved translators

Find an approved translator from the Waka Kotahi NZTA website to translate a licence.

nzta.govt.nz/approved-translators



Application form

Find the form at your nearest AA Centre or Driver Licensing Agent or download and print.

nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/application-conversion-overseas-licence-dl5/docs/dl5.pdf



About supervisors

Check the conditions for driving with a supervisor while on a temporary licence.

aa.co.nz/for-parents-and-supervisors

