



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).

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

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.

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.

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. You can send an email containing a photograph, photocopy or electronic scan of your original overseas driver's licence to a NAATI translator.

Translations of overseas driver's licences are accepted from:

- Department of Home Affairs (previously Department of Immigration and Border Protection) in special circumstances only.
- Department of Social Services (DSS) contracted translation service providers.
- Official consulates (see listings overleaf of Consulates in Australia).
- Certified translators (see National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)).

Translations of overseas driver's licences by NAATI certified translators should be endorsed with an official NAATI stamp. When an official NAATI stamp is not available the translation can still be accepted provided that:

- If you hold a driver's licence issued in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iraq, or Pakistan you are required to obtain a Letter of Verification from your high commission, embassy or consulate validating the authenticity of the driver's licence.
- The verification process will take about four weeks to complete. You must ensure that this letter of verification has been sent to the Department of Transport (DoT) before applying for your driver's licence.

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 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.

Further information and translation services are available on the DoT website, www.transport.wa.gov.au/dvs

