



Frequently Asked Questions

Vehicle licensing & safety

My vehicle licence is about to expire - how much time do I have to renew it?

Overdue period	What you need to know
Up to 3 months late	You cannot drive your vehicle on the road; however you have three (3) months from the expiry date to renew your vehicle licence without the need to have the vehicle inspected. The renewal period will be calculated from the previous expiry date where the fees are paid within this 3-month period.
Over 3 months late	You cannot drive your vehicle on the road and you are required to return the number plates to us in order to avoid a penalty being issued. To re-licence your vehicle you will need to get your vehicle inspected.

- Light vehicles can be licensed or renewed for three, six or twelve months.
- Heavy vehicles (over 4,500 kg gross vehicle mass) can be licensed or renewed for three, six or twelve months.
- Motor Vehicle Dealers participating in the Dealer Network Scheme can licence vehicles for three months.
- Clients who own three or more vehicles may apply to us to have all of their vehicles expire on the same day.

How do I transfer vehicle ownership?

If you are transferring a licensed vehicle to another owner you are required to complete the 'Notification of Change of Ownership' form (MR9) and forward the Seller's copy (the green copy) to:

Driver and Vehicle Services
GPO Box R1290
Perth, WA 6844

within 7 days of the sale. If you do not, you may incur a \$100 infringement and be liable for any fines/infringements lodged against the vehicle.

You are required to forward or hand the Purchaser's copy (the red copy) together with the current vehicle licence papers to the Purchaser.

Make sure all relevant details are completed on the form. Both you and the Purchaser are required to complete and sign the form.

If the vehicle is fitted with optional plates and you intend to sell them with the vehicle, a 'Transfer of Right to Display Optional Plates' form (VL176) must be signed by both parties.



Failure to complete the prescribed form within 28 days will render you liable for prosecution, as it is your responsibility as the holder of a Right to Display optional plates to transfer the Right to Display these plates where there has been a change in ownership of the vehicle to which the plates are attached.

How do I transfer a public passenger vehicle?

Public passenger vehicle licences (i.e. taxis, small charter vehicles, hire and drive, or omnibuses licensed under the *Transport Coordination Act 1966*) can only be transferred if the operator provides a written authority from On-demand Transport at the Department of Transport in addition to the Notification of Change of Ownership form (MR9).

If the vehicle is no longer to be used as a passenger vehicle, this authority is not required. However, any special identification plates (i.e. taxi plates) must be returned and a general series plate issued before the transfer can proceed.

How can I prevent my vehicle from being transferred?

A person can place a restriction on their vehicle's licence to prevent another person from transferring it. To place a restriction on a licence you must provide a Court Order to either a Driver and Vehicle Services Centre or regional agent, or mail the Court Order directly to:

Driver and Vehicle Services

SYSDAM
GPO Box R1290
Perth
Western Australia
6844

A transfer cannot occur unless the restriction is removed by the presentation of another Court Order.

I need to know more about immobilisers. Can you help?

Every vehicle, unless it is exempt, must have either a factory fitted or Government approved immobiliser fitted before the vehicle licence can be transferred.

It is the Purchaser's responsibility to fit or ensure that the vehicle is fitted with an approved immobiliser.

Our page on immobilisers should tell you everything you need to know, including:

- What is a Government approved immobiliser
- Why immobilisers are so important
- Vehicles that require an immobiliser
- Vehicles exempt from an immobiliser
- Who is responsible for ensuring an immobiliser is fitted
- Where to get an immobiliser installed



I want to modify my vehicle. Do I need to get the modifications approved?

Whatever the reason for a modification, the vehicle in question must conform to the following regulations and rules.

- Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014
- Australian Design Rules.

Many minor vehicle modifications can be carried out without our approval. However, they must still comply with the relevant regulations. For more information please visit our page on modifying vehicles.

Can I import my car from overseas?

You can import a vehicle as a 'personal import'. A personal import is a vehicle that has been owned and used by the applicant for a continuous period of 12 months overseas.

The vehicle must comply with the relevant rules and regulations (see applicable legislation below), including Australian Design Rules (ADRs) that are relevant to the vehicle you intend to import. This means your vehicle must be fitted with:

- seat belts that meet an Australian Standard or British Standard;
- seat belt anchorages that meet the number and location requirements of second or third edition ADR 5;
- child restraint anchorages that meet the number, location, accessibility, thread size and form requirements of second edition Australian Design Rule 34 or third edition ADR 5 or 34; and
- head restraints that meet the number, location and size requirements of second or third edition ADR 22.