# **Your Secure Identity**

## Meeting proof of identity requirements for initial applications

The Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) is committed to safeguarding your identity through secure information management and personal identification systems.

In addition to their intended purpose, learner's permit and driver's licence cards are widely accepted as a form of identification and can be used to obtain passports, credit cards and bank loans. It is therefore important that DTMI secures the identities of its card holders and maintains the authenticity of customer's images and personal details in our database.

DTMI uses a biometric facial recognition system to protect identities, improve the security and integrity of licence and Photo Cards and help detect potential identity fraud. The facial recognition system makes it difficult for people to obtain a fraudulent Western Australian (WA) driver's licence or Photo Card and prevents people from holding more than one licence card.

### **Proof of identity for your initial application**

To uphold DTMI's commitment of secure identities for the WA community, you must supply a number of documents as proof of your identity when first applying for a driver's licence or Photo Card.

A combination of five original documents must be presented to verify your full name, date of birth and current residential address\*. To assist you, there are two options for the combination of documents you must provide:

#### **Combination 1**



Category B 1 document





#### **Combination 2**

Category A 1 document + Category C 2 document

Category D 2 documents

\*Note: this does not apply to existing WA Photo Card, learner's permit or driver's licence holders who have previously met these proof of identity requirements.

#### Category A: Establishment of identity

- Original Australian birth certificate (not an extract) issued by an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (RBDM). Commemorative certificates will not be accepted.
- □ Australian citizenship or naturalisation documentation issued by Department of Home Affairs (DHA) or Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).
- Australian visa (supported by an overseas passport).
- Australian Migration Status (AMS) ImmiCard issued by DHA.
- ☐ Evidence of Immigration Status (EIS) ImmiCard issued by DHA.
- ☐ Permanent Residence Evidence (PRE) ImmiCard issued by DHA prior to 1 July 2017.
- ☐ Residence Determination ImmiCard (RDI) issued by DHA prior to 1 July 2017.
- Document for Travel to Australia (DFTTA) issued by the Australian Government.

#### Category B: Link between identity and person

- WA driver's licence or learner's permit card that displays the holder's photo and signature. This document must be current or not have expired by more than five years.
- Australian driver's licence or learner's permit card not issued in WA that displays the holder's photo and signature. This document must be current or not have expired by more than two years and cannot be cancelled, inactive or refused.
- Australian passport not expired by more than two years.
- Overseas passport that is current (expired passports will not be accepted).
- Consular photo identity card issued by DFAT.
- ☐ WA Photo Card. This document must be current or not have expired by more than five years.
- ☐ WA photographic firearms identification card.
- Document of Identity issued by DFAT.
- ☐ Maritime Security Identity card (cannot be expired).
- Aviation Security Identification card (cannot be expired).
- ☐ Secondary Identification Statutory Declaration (E41) form. A parent must attend with their child and present their current driver's licence for identity verification if submitting this form.

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#### Category C: Evidence of identity in community Australian EFTPOS or credit card that is current. Photographic Police or Australian Defence Force identification card (excludes civilian cards). Australian bank statement or letter, less than six ■ WA working with children card. months old. Australian utilities account or notice, such as a Australian Keypass identity card. gas, water, electricity or telephone bill, less than six ■ WA Recreational Skipper's Ticket. months old. Employee photo identity card issued by state/territory Australian Tax Office: or commonwealth government. Tax File Number Letter (original); or Australian Defence Force discharge papers, less than Tax Notice of Assessment Letter (original). 12 months old. Official document or letter from a government agency Student photographic identification issued in WA. showing residential address, less than six months old. School report, certificate of accomplishment or Residential tenancy agreement that is current and enrolment issued by a secondary school in WA, less shows residential address. than 12 months old. ☐ WA Keys for Life certificate issued in WA, less than Electoral enrolment letter showing residential address, less than two years old. two years old. Centrelink or Department of Veteran Affairs health ☐ Australian RBDM issued marriage or change of name care or pensioner concession card (cannot be certificate. Commemorative certificates will not be expired). accepted. Medicare card (cannot be expired). ☐ Divorce certificate issued by a relevant Australian Court. WA Seniors card. Certificate of Achievement (DL20) issued by an ■ WA vehicle licence (registration paper). authorised organisation. WA Proof of Age card. Category D: Evidence of residential address Australian Capital Territory Proof of Identity Card. New South Wales Photo Card. ☐ Letter from current employer showing residential Northern Territory Evidence of Age Card. address, less than six months old. ☐ Tasmanian Personal Information Card. Written correspondence from a recognised educational institution less than 12 months old. Queensland Photo Identification Card. ☐ Letter from Driving Access and Equity Program South Australian Proof of Age Card. organisations showing residential address. Victorian Proof of Age Card. Note: A document listed in category B or C containing Marine licence indicator card. your current residential address is an acceptable ■ Worksafe high risk work card. document for category D, as long as that document has Dangerous goods security card. not already been used to satisfy category B or C. Security guard/crowd control licence. **Proof of identity for licensing transactions** Photo capture guidelines

To safeguard your identity, you may be required to supply a combination of documents from categories A-D when completing transactions with us. This is to verify your details with those we have in our database. The documents required will depend on the transaction you are completing. You can visit www.transport.wa.gov.au/poi to see which documents you need to provide.

#### **Document guidelines**

- All documents must be originals certified photocopies will not be accepted.
- One of the documents presented must contain your signature (may not be required for WA Photo Card).
- The name on your documents must be the same or you must provide evidence of change of name that clearly shows the link between your birth name and current name.

#### **Protection of privacy**

Your personal driver's licence information, photograph, and vehicle licence information may be used, or disclosed to a third party, where authorised under 'road law' (as defined in the Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008), Commonwealth law or in compliance with a Court Order issued within Australia. Your personal details may also be disclosed to other driver licensing authorities to assess your application or verify any information you have provided.

To support our facial recognition system and assist in having a clear and accurate scan of your face. Please note the following when having your photo taken:

- must remove glasses\*;
- cannot wear facial coverings under any circumstances;
- head coverings such as hats or caps must be removed;
- facial piercings (such as lip, nose and eyebrow) are acceptable provided they do not cause a reflection in the photograph; and
- head dress attire worn for medical, religious or cultural purposes does not need to be removed, as long as your face is clearly visible.

\*The condition 'S' will still appear on the back of driver's licence cards for drivers who require visual aids when driving.

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