

International Driving Permit

Information and application



What is an International Driving Permit?

An International Driving Permit (IDP) is issued to holders of an Australian state/territory driver's licence. An IDP is a special driving permit for tourists, authorised by the 1949 United Nations Convention on road traffic, as:

- a means of allowing you to drive internationally, without further tests or applications, provided your domestic driver's licence (photocard) is valid
- proof that you hold a valid driver's licence in your home country at the date of issue of the IDP.

An IDP is not a stand-alone document or a substitute for a valid driving licence—you must carry your Australian state/territory driver's licence with your IDP at all times. It in no way diminishes your obligations to conform strictly to the laws and regulations of the countries that you visit.

An IDP is valid only for 12 months from the date of issue or the expiry date of your Australian driver's licence (whichever is the lesser period). Even if you don't intend on driving when you travel overseas, carrying an IDP can be helpful as an extra form of identification.

Besides allowing you to drive in foreign countries, IDPs are officially sanctioned by the United Nations and accepted worldwide (in over 150 countries) as a recognisable form of identification. Having an IDP:

- allows you to carry your identification details in nine languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Greek, German and Japanese)
- provides you with an extra piece of identification along with your personal details (this can be useful if you are ever asked to surrender (or lose) your passport, which can happen under certain circumstances in some countries).



Who is eligible to apply?

You are eligible to apply for an IDP if:

- you hold a current Australian state/territory driver's licence (not an overseas driver's licence)
- you are 18 years of age or over (including those with a provisional licence or P plate).

You cannot be issued an IDP if:

- you hold a learner driver's permit
- you have restrictions on your Australian state/territory driver's licence e.g.; alcohol ignition interlock, court orders, etc.



Protect your identity

Lost or stolen IDPs cause inconvenience and may be used by others to assume your identity for illegal activities. Please keep your IDP safe at all times and report any loss to international@aaa.asn.au with the details of your case.



Important

This International Driving Permit is a translation of your Australian state/territory driver's licence and is valid only for one year from the date of issue unless your domestic driving licence expires, is suspended or revoked in the meantime.

The IDP validity is for a translation purposes only, and does not provide for a legal right to drive within any contracting country unless the local domestic law provides for such a right. Applicants must be aware that in some instances additional certification is required from the visiting country prior to the IDP being given legal status. Applicants should refer to the AAA website or contact the embassy or consulate of the intended country of visit to confirm the status of the IDP, and for the driving requirements and eligibility for that country.

An IDP may allow you to drive or ride the vehicles you intend to use. Some travel insurance policies will not cover you if you have an accident using a vehicle you are not licenced to drive or will not accept an IDP. Please ensure that you check with your travel insurance company.



Check before travelling

- Check your IDP requirements at www.aaa.asn.au/international-motoring/driving-overseas/
- Visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au to view the latest travel advice.



Warning on fraudulent IDPs

Please note that the only authorised IDP issuing body in Australia is the Australian Automobile Association (AAA). IDPs issued by AAA are distributed through the state and territory motoring organisations. Counterfeit IDPs are being offered for sale on the internet, usually at inflated prices. These forged IDPs are illegal. If you hold one, you may get into a great deal of difficulty with the traffic authorities in foreign countries.



What do you need to apply for an IDP

- A colour photocopy of your Australian drivers licence (front and back of photocard).
- A passport style photo taken no more than six months before lodging your IDP application.
 - The photo should be 45–50 mm in height and 35–40 mm in width.
 - Your face should be centred, clear and in sharp focus with no shadows and no glasses (see below).
 - The image should be of high quality and be on photographic paper.



Too far away



Too close



Too dark



IDP Application Form

APPLICANT DETAILS

First name

Middle name(s)

Last name

Address on licence

Suburb

State

Postcode

Phone

Email

Place of birth

Licence details

Number:

Class(es):

Date of birth (as on licence)

Expiry date:

Issued by ACT NSW QLD SA TAS VIC WA NT

Are spectacles or contact lenses worn whilst driving? No Yes

Date of Departure

Note: Your IDP will be valid for 12 months from date of issue, **not** date of departure.

Member Number

NRMA, RACV, RACQ, RAA, RAC, RACT, AANT

VERIFICATION AND DECLARATION

I declare that:

I hold a valid Australian state/territory drivers licence with no restrictions or penalties.

I agree to the terms of the [Privacy Policy and Terms of Use](#). I consent to the use of the personal information on this form and understand it will be used in accordance with the [Privacy Policy](#).

I acknowledge the preferred medium of submission of my application is via the online portal and secondly via registered post/courier (whether domestic or international). **Should I elect to submit my application via electronic mail, I accept all risks and consequences of doing so.**

Signature of applicant



POSTAGE DETAILS

Cost of an IDP: \$42.00 AUD (GST free). Additional costs may apply for postage and handling.
Please note AAA and affiliate clubs do not accept responsibility for permits that are lost or delayed in the post.

Within Australia: Express Post \$11.00 AUD

Overseas: Express Post \$55.00 AUD

Direct Courier Cost - TBC

Overseas alternative to Australia Post. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, postage to some international destinations may be delayed or may not be able to be delivered due to border closures. Please check [the Australia Post website](https://www.australiapost.com.au) for up to date information on delays and closures.

Delivery Address

Suburb
Country
State
Postcode

A representative from your motoring club will be in contact with you to process payment over the phone using Visa or Mastercard. Please provide contact details below:

Billing Contact Name

Billing Contact Phone Number

Please mail your IDP application to the motoring club in your state/territory.

MOTORING CLUB ADDRESSES

NSW & ACT	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT
NRMA	RACV	RACQ	RAA	RAC	RACT	AANT
9 Murrumbidgee Avenue Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127	550 Princes Hwy Noble Park North VIC 3174	2649 Logan Rd Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113	101 Richmond Rd Mile End SA 5031	832 Wellington St West Perth WA 6005	179-191 Murray St Hobart TAS 7000	2/14 Knuckey St Darwin NT 0800

We highly recommend the use of registered post to send your application to your motoring club.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES

NSW/ACT	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT
NRMA	RACV	RACQ	RAA	RAC	RACT	AANT
Permits@mynrma.com.au	HLSupport@racv.com.au	IDP@racq.com.au	travel@raa.com.au	TouringOnline@rac.com.au	idp@ract.com.au	info@aant.com.au