

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

L5 - How to obtain a class “MR” Driver Licence

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“MR” (Medium Rigid) – Definition for Licensing Purposes

A rigid motor vehicle that has two (2) axles and a gross vehicle mass (GVM) greater than 8 tonnes.

Any trailer towed must weigh less than 9 tonnes GVM and comply with the manufacturer’s Gross Combination Mass (GCM) limit for the towing vehicle.

Class “MR” licence does not permit you to carry passengers for hire or reward unless you also have a (h) (Hire or Reward) endorsement.

Points to Note

- Before you can be issued with a class “MR” (medium rigid) licence, you will need to hold an open (not Provisional) driver licence and have held a class “C”(car) or class “LR” licence for at least twelve months continuously.
- You will also need to pass a heavy vehicle theory test. This is based on information provided in [Information Bulletin L11 - Heavy Vehicle Driver’s Information – class “LR”, “MR”, “HR”, “HC” & “MC”](#) and consists of multiple choice questions. Pass mark required is 80%.
- If you hold an open (not Provisional) driver licence and have been licensed for twelve months continuously, you may begin learning to drive a medium rigid vehicle at any time, but must be accompanied by a driver who holds a current class “MR” (or higher) licence.
- On the practical test drive, there is no requirement for you to provide a “licensed driver” as the testing officer fulfils this role. You need to be aware however, that you are not licensed to drive unaccompanied to, and possibly from the test location (depending on your test outcome).
- Because you are not a first time driver and have previously held “L” plates, you must instead display a “Driver Under Instruction” sign at the rear of the vehicle. The sign must be yellow and no smaller than 530mm wide and 300mm high with black lettering at least 75mm high.
- Driving methods should be in accordance with the System of Vehicle Control, which is detailed in the Learner Driver’s Guide. This guide is incorporated within the NT Road User Handbook and is available, from MVR offices and Police Outstations. The testing process currently in use is designed to assess drivers’ ability to operate the vehicle in an efficient manner with safety and adherence to the law.

Conduct of Practical Test

Tests conducted to this standard will include 4 compulsory manoeuvres:

1. a hill start,
2. reverse parallel park,
3. a reversing exercise, and
4. a U turn.

The remainder of the test will be conducted whilst driving on normal roads and streets. The test is scored according to set observation made by the testing officer. The pass mark is 85%.

Practical tests are conducted at most MVR offices, agencies and Police Outstations in remote areas. Tests should be booked in advance, with the test fee being payable at the time of booking.

Failure to attend for a scheduled test, without reasonable notice, may result in forfeiture of the test fee. Failed tests may be re-booked at any time on payment of a new test fee.

Bookings for practical tests may be made at any MVR Office, either in person, or by phone if you have a current credit card. Police Outstation bookings should be made by arrangement with the local Police officers.

The vehicle, which you supply for the test, must be registered, roadworthy and clean, and must fall within the "MR" (medium rigid) licence category. The vehicle must display a "Driver Under Instruction" sign on the rear.

When you attend for the practical test you must bring your current driver licence and test fee receipt. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the test and forfeiture of the test fee.

When you pass the practical test, upon payment of the prescribed fee, you will be issued with a new licence.

You should carry your driver licence with you at all times whilst driving.

Important Note:

Your licence will now display the highest class of vehicle that you are licensed to drive. The holder of a licence of a class "MR" licence may, in addition to driving motor vehicles in that class, drive vehicles in any lower class, i.e. "C", and "LR".

In the event that your driver licence card is lost/misplaced and the card is returned to MVR (e.g. by someone from the place where you have left your card behind, Police, etc), the card will be destroyed. You will need to reapply and pay the prescribed fee for a replacement card.

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