

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

L15 - Transfer of Overseas Licences

Effective Date: 1 April 2007

Subject to certain conditions, overseas driver licences may be transferred to the Northern Territory. Transfers will be to base grade classes only, i.e. class "C" (car) and, class "R" (Rider-motorcycle). New Zealand licence transfers are not restricted to base grades; however applications for the transfer of heavy vehicle classes will be assessed on a case by case basis.

All licence transfer applicants from the following recognised countries are exempt from the requirement for an entry level theory test and or practical driving test.

Recognised Countries

- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Channel Islands (Jersey & Guernsey)
- Croatia
- Denmark
- France
- Finland
- Germany
- Greece
- Ireland
- Isle of Man (first issued on or after 01/04/1991)
- Italy
- Japan
- Luxembourg
- Malta (first issued on or after 02/02/2004)
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- Singapore
- Switzerland
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

All other countries

Licence holders from all other countries must pass a theory and practical (driving) test to affect a transfer, which will be to base grade licence classes (i.e. class "C" or class "R") only.

The licence holder may choose to re-qualify for a heavy vehicle licence by passing routine heavy vehicle theory and heavy vehicle practical (driving) tests.

Conditional Licences

Applicants who fail an unreasonable number of practical tests, or whose driving is considered (by the licence testing officer) to be unsafe may be issued with a short-term licence carrying certain conditions. This renders any overseas licence invalid in Australia, and provides for the applicant to gain appropriate skills under the supervision and guidance of an experienced licensed driver. A further practical test may be arranged once the applicant has reached a suitable level of skill.

Evidence of Identity (EOI) & Evidence of Residency (EOR)

See MVR [Information Bulletin G8](#) – ‘Evidence of Identity and Evidence of Residency for Individuals’ available from www.mvr.nt.gov.au

Privacy and your Information

The information you provide to MVR to obtain a driver licence is collected for the purpose of compliance with and enforcement of the Northern Territory Motor Vehicles Act.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles is required to collect information for registrations, licences and permits under section 92 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The Registrar adheres to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure’s Privacy Statement and the Information Act. Further information on privacy can be found at www.dpi.nt.gov.au

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