

If foreign licence holder is not eligible for an exemption as above they must undertake a Practical Driver Assessment as outlined below.

- (a) Pay the Practical Driving Assessment fee. Cost is \$46.55
- (b) Book a Practical Driving Assessment appointment on 13 23 90.
- (c) Pass the Practical Driving Assessment.

### **When is a learner licence required?**

A learner licence should be obtained by a foreign driver licence holder if they wish to continue driving and –

- (a) their foreign driver licence has expired;
- (b) the authority to drive in Queensland on their foreign driver licence has been withdrawn as per section (1) page 1.
- (c) the person requests a learner licence to enable them to learn to drive a class of motor vehicle other than the class authorised on the foreign driver licence

**Note: Foreign Licence holders who are exempt a practical driving test and whose authority to drive has been withdrawn, will not be issued a Learner licence once a written test has been passed. In these cases a corresponding Queensland Licence will be issued.**

Learner licence holder must:

- Have a passenger seated next to the learner
- Drive under the direction of the passenger who must hold and have held a current Qld Open or equivalent licence for the class of vehicle being driven, for a at least 1 year

This information is intended as a guide only and may be subject to change, if you require any further information please contact Department of Transport on 13 23 80, by visiting our web site [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) or your nearest Department of Transport and Main Roads Customer Service Centre.

# Guide for Foreign Licence Holders

## **When is a Queensland Drivers Licence Required?**

The authority to drive on a valid foreign driver licence in Queensland is withdrawn if any of the following occur:

### **If you are an Australian Citizen:**

- 3 months after an Australian citizen takes up residence in Queensland

### **If you are a Non Australian citizen:**

Resident Visa held before taking up residence  
- 3 months after the holder takes up residence

### **Resident Visa after taking up residence:**

- 3 months after the holder gets the visa  
TORUMS-DL) Reg s35(2)

If any of the above occurs and you wish to continue to drive in Queensland, you must apply for a Queensland driver licence.

All foreign licence holders are required to undertake a written road rules test to be granted a Queensland licence. However, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) now recognize licences from certain countries under mutual recognition arrangements and these licence holders are not required to do a practical driving assessment or written road rules tests.

## Requirements for foreign licence holders to obtain a Queensland Licence?

A Queensland driver licence may be issued to a person holding a valid foreign driver licence at any time provided they

- produce their foreign licence; or if unavailable, written advice from the issuing licencing authority, confirming the person's driver licence details i.e. class(es) of vehicles authorised to drive, date of birth, full name; and
- produce the acceptable documents to establish proof of Queensland residency; -see Driver Licence Application/Renewal Form (F3000) and
- produce the acceptable proof of identity-see Driver Licence Application /Renewal form (F3000)
- Complete Driver Licence Application /Renewal form (F3000), If you have diabetes, epilepsy, a vision disorder or any other mental or physical incapacity that may affect your driving, a medical certificate form (F3712) may need to be completed by a doctor. Contact 13 23 80 for further information.

### Please Note:

If a the foreign drivers licence is not written in English, the holder is advised to obtain a recognized English translation of their overseas licence to facilitate recognition of their foreign driver licence. International Driving Permits are not a recognized English translation for the purposes of obtaining a Queensland Licence.

### Only the following are accepted as a recognized English translation:

National Accreditation Authority for Translators & Interpreters (NAATI) - Website: [www.naati.com.au](http://www.naati.com.au)

Consulate translation: on official letterhead, signed by the Consul-General and stamped with official consulate stamp

The applicant then must pass-

- a. A written road rules test for appropriate class/es (cost= \$19.85 per application); - A copy of Your Keys to Driving In Queensland can be purchased for \$11.50 from Customer Service Centre's, selected Newsagents and the Internet
- b. A practical driver assessment- Queensland Transport now recognizes licences from certain countries under mutual recognition arrangements and these licence holders are not required to do a practical driving test. See below & page 3 for exemption details, if not exempt a Practical Driver Assessment must be undertaken to obtain a Queensland drivers licence

## Foreign (Including New Zealand) Practical Assessment Exempt Transfers Based on Country.

Applicants from the following countries are exempt the written test for the classes C, RE, or R learners. (*Schedule 4 of TO(RUMS-DL) Reg.*)

Foreign applicants are exempt the Practical Driving Assessment for class C (car), RE (restricted motorbike) or R (motorbike) only if they:

- Have held a current Foreign P Type or Open licence equivalent in the last 5 years for the class being applied for, and the licence is one from a country listed on Schedule 4 of TO(RUMS-DL)Reg: as per below.

Austria	Finland	Italy	Portugal
Belgium	France	Japan	Singapore
Canada	Germany	Luxembourg	Spain
Croatia	Greece	Netherlands	Sweden
Denmark	Ireland	Norway	Switzerland
New Zealand	United Kingdom	United States of America	

## Foreign (Including New Zealand) Transfers (Based on having held a Previous Australian Licence)

Foreign applicants are exempt the practical driving test if they have held a current foreign P Type or Open licence equivalent in last 5 years for class applied for and prove they have, at any time, passed a practical driving test in Australia for the same class being applied for

### Evidence:

Proof of previous current Australian P Type or Open licence may be used as evidence of a passed practical driving test.

Note: If a Foreign licence holder can prove they have held a current Australian P Type or Open licence in the last 5 years for the same class applied for, a practical driving test is not required.