



Application for Recognition of an Overseas Driver Licence in Australia

Must be completed by an authorised officer of the licence issuing agency

Name of Applying Country:

Criterion 1

Licensing System

To meet requirements for recognition the following are required:

- a minimum period of 3 months OR 30 hours of supervised driver training as a car learner driver¹
- all car learner drivers¹ must be supervised by a person who holds an open or unconditional licence³
- measures are in place to reduce the risk for novice car drivers²

	YES	NO	PROVIDE DETAILS (WHERE APPLICABLE)
Do you have a minimum learner driving ¹ period imposed for motor cars? Please specify the period.			
Do you require car learner drivers ¹ to be supervised by a person holding an open/conditional licence ³ ?			
If you have an official published document or guideline that outlines the requirements to gain a car licence, please provide a copy of this document (English translation).			
If you have an official website address (in English) that provides an overview of your car licensing system, please provide the address.			
Do you apply any conditions or restrictions on novice car drivers ² or what measure do you put in place to reduce the risks of novice car drivers ² ? For example zero blood alcohol, speed restrictions. Please provide details.			

Explanation of Terms:

¹ A **car learner driver** is a person who is just commencing the process of learning to drive. They are not allowed to drive unsupervised. This is the training period prior to assessment that the person is competent to drive without supervision.

² A **novice driver** is a person who has passed the car learner period (as above) and has been granted a licence to drive without supervision. However for a period, e.g.: 2 – 3 years this person is considered to be still developing their skills and is not an appropriate person to supervise learner drivers. Novice drivers may be subject to extra restrictions such as lower blood alcohol content or late night driving restrictions.

³ **Open or Unconditional Licence holder** is a person who has passed both the learner and novice driver period. As a person who has fully developed and practised their driving skills (usually over a 2 – 3 year period) they are considered competent to drive with the minimum allowable restrictions and to supervise learner drivers.



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Criterion 2

Testing Regimes

To meet the requirements for recognition the following are required:

Car

Learners must be required to pass a road rules and safe driving knowledge test.

Either a practical driving test or a competency based skills assessment must be undertaken. This assessment or test must cover all or the majority of the following elements:

- pre-drive check (setting up the car for safe driving- mirrors, signalling, indicators, horn, seatbelt etc.)
- lane changes (changing lanes to right and left and merging of two lanes into one)
- approach (safe approach to intersections and hazards)
- position stop (stopping appropriate distance from vehicles in front, slowing appropriately)
- judgement (perceives hazards and responds appropriately; plans ahead of intended turns; passes other vehicles when appropriate, aware of what is happening in the road and near environment)
- turning manoeuvres (turning corners with and without stopping; following relevant signs and road rules when turning; using roundabouts)
- progress and position on road (safe and controlled approach to corners, travel at appropriate speed, move with other traffic without impeding the flow of others)
- car control (keeping control of the car when turning, starting from stop on a hill)
- safety margin (keeping a safe distance from other vehicles when moving and passing other vehicles, bikes, pedestrians)
- low speed manoeuvres (reverse parking, angle park, point to point reverse, 3 point turn)

A practical driving test or a competency based assessment must be of sufficient length to adequately test the skills outlined above.

Ensure that the person is tested if their licence has lapsed for a significant period e.g.: more than 5 years.

	YES	NO	PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS (WHERE APPLICABLE)
Does the applicant have to undertake and pass a car theoretical road rules and safe driving knowledge test? Please provide a sample copy of the test in English.			
Does the car licence applicant have to undertake and pass a practical driving test? Please indicate which of the elements listed above are tested. Please list any other skills which are assessed. Please provide a copy of the assessment sheet (English translation) used by test assessors.			
Is there a minimum time allocated to undertake a car driving			



test? If yes please specify the minimum time.			
If a practical car driving test is not required but instead assessment is based on attainment of competency, specify over what period competency is assessed. Please advise which competencies are assessed – refer to the list above in Criterion 2. Provide a copy of the competency assessment guide or sheet (English translation).			
If a licence has lapsed for a period of time, is the applicant required to be re-tested before the licence can be reissued? If yes, after what period of time must a person be retested?			

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Criterion 3

Evidence of Identity (EOI) Requirements

To meet the requirements for recognition at least two official documents which are not easily forged or altered must be provided to support evidence of identity on initial application for a licence.

	YES	NO	PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS (WHERE APPLICABLE)
Is there a requirement for the licence applicant to provide evidentiary documents that confirm identity prior to the issue of a first licence? How many documents are required to establish identity?			
Please indicate which of the following documents are acceptable in establishing identity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate issued by a government agency • Citizenship Certificate or Naturalisation Certificate issued by a government agency • Current Passport • Passport which has been expired less than 2 years • Government issued health, social security or concession card • Financial institution card with a minimum of a signature and 			



<p>embossed or embedded name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student card with the minimum of a photo or signature issued by a government recognised educational institution <p>Please list any other documents that are accepted in establishing identity.</p> <p>If you have an official document or guideline (English translation) that outlines your evidence of identity procedures please provide a copy of this.</p>			
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Criterion 4

Licence Card/Document

To meet the requirements for recognition the driver licence must:

- contain a photo or if not, there is some other official government issued identity document which contains a photo which is issued to all citizens;
- contain sufficient security features to significantly minimise the risk of fraudulent reproduction or alteration after it is issued.

	YES	NO	PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS (WHERE APPLICABLE)
<p>Does the licence card/document contain a photo of the licence holder?</p> <p>If not is there some other official government issued identity document which contains a photo which is issued to all citizens?</p>			
<p>Does the licence card/document incorporate any distinctive security features?</p> <p>If yes please specify what these features are.</p> <p>Does the licence contain the licence holder's signature?</p>			



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Criterion 5			
Licence Examiners/Competency Assessors			
To meet the requirements for recognition licence examiners must undergo training or assessment and be periodically monitored to assure their continuing competence.			
	YES	NO	PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS (WHERE APPLICABLE)
Do car licence examiners or those assessing competencies, complete formal training specific to on road driver/competency testing before being authorised to conduct driving tests/undertake assessments? If yes please provide details of the training they must undertake.			
Are car licence examiners monitored to ensure that consistent driver testing practices are maintained? If yes please provide an overview of how this monitoring occurs.			
Are sanctions applied to car licence examiners who do not satisfy compliance/audit requirements? If yes, please provide details.			
Certification			
I certify that the information provided in support of this application is true and correct.			
Name:			Title:
Name of Agency:			Date:

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