



Getting your driver's licence

A guide for Pacific and Timor-Leste workers in Australia

You need to have a valid licence to drive in Australia. Driving without a valid licence is illegal.

How you get your driver's licence in Australia depends on where you live - there are different steps to getting a driver's licence in each state. Find out where to apply for your driver's licence in the table below.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)	Transport – Access Canberra: https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/driving-transport-and-parking/licences (the process for getting your driver's license in ACT is different to the rest of the country)
New South Wales	Service NSW: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/guide/getting-a-nsw-driver-licence
Northern Territory	Department of Transport: https://nt.gov.au/driving
Queensland	Department of Transport and Main Roads: https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/
South Australia	Department for Infrastructure and Transport: https://www.mylicence.sa.gov.au/
Tasmania	Department of State Growth: https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/
Victoria	VicRoads: https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/
Western Australia	Department of Transport: https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/



Everywhere in Australia, it is illegal to drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Driving under the influence risks serious harm to yourself and others.

Being safe on the road

When driving in Australia, you must make sure you are a responsible and safe driver on the road. It is very important to learn the road rules, which may be different to what you have experienced in your home country (such as driving on the left side of the road). The rules also differ in each state and territory, so ensure you learn the rules that apply to your location. If you are found breaking the law, you may need to pay a fine. In more serious cases, you could lose your licence or face criminal charges.

When you enter a vehicle you must:

- make sure it is safe to drive
- plan your trip so you know where you're going
- make sure you aren't too tired – always stop and rest on long trips
- check for traffic updates and changes to road conditions
- if you know you will be drinking, plan your transport so you don't drink alcohol and drive.



Do you still have questions? Remember you can talk to your team leader, employer or you can call the PALM scheme support service line at: 1800 51 51 31.

When you are driving you must:

- wear your seatbelt (drivers and passengers)
- drive within the speed limit
- never talk or text on your mobile phone
- follow the road rules, obey traffic signs and lane markings
- focus on the road - do not get distracted
- share the road safely with other drivers
- drive slowly through roadworks, schools and rail crossings.

