

OVERSEAS DRIVERS IN VICTORIA

If you're an overseas driver in Victoria, Australia, here's what you need to know to stay legal and safe on the road.

Driving Legally with an Overseas Licence in Victoria

You **can drive in Victoria** using your overseas licence if:

- Your overseas licence is **current and valid**.
- It covers the **type of vehicle** you're driving.
- You've resided in Victoria for a period of **not more than 6 months**.

However, you **cannot drive** with your overseas licence if:

- You've been **disqualified** from driving in any country **or** your overseas licence is **suspended**.
- You've **failed a driving test** in Victoria.
- You **hold or obtain a Victorian driver licence or learner permit**.

Converting to a Victorian Licence

If you plan to **live in Victoria for 6 months or more**, you must convert your overseas licence. The 6-month period starts from the **day you begin living in Victoria**, not from when you start driving.

Conversion Process

Check if your country is recognised by VicRoads, on this page:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/new-to-victoria/convert-your-overseas-licence>

If recognised, you may not need to take a test.

If NOT recognised, you will need to pass:

- Learner Permit Test (Road Laws Knowledge Test)
 - Hazard Perception Test
 - Drive Test
1. **Make an appointment** and take your **passport, visa and licence** to VicRoads for verification.
 2. If your licence is **not in English**, carry:
 - an **official English translation**, or
 - an **International Driving Permit (IDP)**

3. When you **pass your Learner Permit Test**:

- If your **overseas licence is still valid** (see under “Driving Legally with an Overseas Licence in Victoria” above), **do not obtain a Learner Permit**. If you do, your overseas licence will not be valid for use in Victoria.
- If your **overseas licence is no longer valid** (see above), and you wish to continue driving (to practice for your Drive Test), you must **obtain a Learner Permit**, and you **must** be accompanied by the holder of an Australian or overseas full licence while driving (**not L or P**);
- If your **overseas licence is no longer valid** for use in Victoria, you may drive for your **Drive Test** without obtaining a Learner Permit (but you **must not** drive for any other purpose – in this case **practice driving is not allowed** without a Learner Permit, even if it is with a Driving School or Driving Instructor).

Important Tips

- Your overseas licence is only **valid for use in Victoria for six months**.
- Always carry your **licence with you** when driving.
- If you fail a Victorian driving test, your overseas licence becomes **invalid in Victoria**.
- Driving without a valid licence is a **serious offence** with heavy penalties.

Need More Help?

If you'd like further assistance, simply click the link below to **find a licenced instructor in your area**. They'll be happy to guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

 [**Find a Driver Trainer - ADTAV**](#)

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