

International Driving Permit

An International Driving Permit is recognised internationally and normally allows the holder to drive a motor vehicle without further formality. Persons going to a country for longer than three months, to take up residence or employment, or for any reason other than tourism, should make enquiries about their personal position before using the permit.

AA Ireland is authorised to issue both the 1926 Convention and 1949 Convention International Driving Permits to applicants over 18 years old, who hold a valid Republic of Ireland or EU/EEA Driving Licence. A 1949 permit will normally be provided but for certain countries, as indicated below, a 1926 Convention permit is necessary. Permits cannot be issued to holders of provisional licences nor to holders of non EU/EEA licences. Those driving on non EU/EEA licences must make application in the country of issue of their national driving licence.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is an offence to drive a vehicle without a valid driving licence or permit. If you intend to drive in any country outside Western Europe which is not listed below, we recommend that you carry an International Driving Permit.

Important Notes relating to International Driving Permits

- The groups on the International Driving Permit do not always conform to groups on your driving licence. Specify type(s) of vehicle you will be driving when using the permit.
- Always carry your national driving licence with you when motoring overseas, even when an IDP is held. If you intend hiring a car overseas, the hiring company may require to see your national driving licence and/or your IDP.
- It is important to check the accuracy of the personal information printed on your driving licence. If there are any errors or you have a change of name or address, you should immediately notify the authority that issued your licence.
- Holders of EU/EEA licences other than those issued in the Republic of Ireland, who are permanent residents of the Republic of Ireland, are eligible for an Irish IDP based on residency. However to qualify you must submit, with your application form, a copy of a recent domestic bill, dated in the last 3 months, clearly showing your address of residence. You must also sign and date the declaration of residency on this application form. Please read the definition of 'normal residence' below;
- Normal residency in the Republic of Ireland is defined as follows: 'you shall be regarded as having your normal residence in Ireland if, because of personal and occupational ties, you usually live here for at least 185 days in each calendar year. However, if you have personal ties in Ireland and occupational ties in another country, which require absences from this country, you may still be regarded as being normally resident in Ireland provided that you return here regularly. Working abroad on a specific task for a definite duration, or attending a foreign university or college, shall not imply that you have transferred your normal residence to another country.'
- Permits cannot be forward-dated more than 3 months from the date of application i.e. date application is received by AA Ireland.
- An IDP cannot be issued if the applicant's driving licence expires within the next 6 months.
- The IDP application must be completed by the person applying for the permit.
- Only one IDP may be issued per licence per year unless the applicant is looking for a replacement for an issued permit, in which case they must accompany their IDP application form with a Garda report of their original IDP's loss.
- An IDP may be issued for an endorsed licence once there are not 12 penalty points or more on it but not if a driving ban is still in force.

List of countries for which a permit is required, unless indicated otherwise in the notes

Please indicate by a tick countries which you intend to visit

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<input type="checkbox"/> Albania	P	<input type="checkbox"/> Djibouti	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Laos	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Serbia	
<input type="checkbox"/> Algeria	L	<input type="checkbox"/> Dominica	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon	A,C	<input type="checkbox"/> Seychelles	
<input type="checkbox"/> Angola	L	<input type="checkbox"/> Ecuador	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesotho	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Argentina		<input type="checkbox"/> Egypt		<input type="checkbox"/> Liberia	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Singapore	A,Q
<input type="checkbox"/> Armenia		<input type="checkbox"/> Equatorial Guinea		<input type="checkbox"/> Macao (<i>Macau</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/> Slovenia	L
<input type="checkbox"/> Australia	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Eritrea	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Macedonia	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Somalia	1926
<input type="checkbox"/> Bahrain	A,M	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Malaysia	E	<input type="checkbox"/> South Africa	A,J
<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh	E	<input type="checkbox"/> French Guiana	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Mali	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Spain	F
<input type="checkbox"/> Belarus		<input type="checkbox"/> Gabon	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Mauritania	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lanka	N
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bhutan		<input type="checkbox"/> Ghana	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexico	E	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Lucia	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Bolivia		<input type="checkbox"/> Grenada	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Montenegro		<input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent	G
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cambodia (<i>Kampuchea</i>)	K	<input type="checkbox"/> Hungary	F	<input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria	1926	<input type="checkbox"/> Togo	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cameroon	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Iceland	F	<input type="checkbox"/> Oman	G	<input type="checkbox"/> Tunisia	L
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Verde	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia		<input type="checkbox"/> Peru	L,Q	<input type="checkbox"/> Uganda	I
<input type="checkbox"/> Cayman Islands	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Iran		<input type="checkbox"/> Philippines		<input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Chad	A,E	<input type="checkbox"/> Israel	A,E	<input type="checkbox"/> Qatar	A,C	<input type="checkbox"/> USA	J
<input type="checkbox"/> Chile		<input type="checkbox"/> Italy	F	<input type="checkbox"/> Reunion	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	G
<input type="checkbox"/> Colombia		<input type="checkbox"/> Japan		<input type="checkbox"/> Romania	F	<input type="checkbox"/> Yemen	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Comoros	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Jordan		<input type="checkbox"/> Russian Federation		<input type="checkbox"/> Zambia	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Congo (<i>Democratic Republic of</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/> Kazakhstan		<input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda		<input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe	L
<input type="checkbox"/> Congo (<i>Republic of</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/> Kenya	E	<input type="checkbox"/> Sabah (<i>Malaysia</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cote d'Ivoire (<i>Ivory Coast</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/> Kiribati		<input type="checkbox"/> San Marino	F		
<input type="checkbox"/> Croatia	A	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (<i>South</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/> Sao Tome & Principe			
<input type="checkbox"/> Curacao (<i>Netherlands Antilles</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/> Kuwait		<input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia	A,B,E		

IMPORTANT NOTES

- A** Require for Car Hire.
- B** Women not permitted to drive.
- C** IDP recommended. Temporary local licence may be obtained on production of Irish licence/ EU/EEA licence, but may be time consuming and more expensive.
- D** Irish driving licence that do not incorporate a photograph must be accompanied by an IDP.
- E** IDP recommended.
- F** All valid Irish/ EU/EEA driving licences should be accepted. Acceptance of driving licences that are not of the European Communities model cannot be guaranteed therefore drivers may wish to voluntarily update them before travelling abroad.
- G** National licence or IDP should be presented to the police who will issue a visitors licence.
- H** IDP valid for 15 days – local licence must then be obtained.
- I** Irish/ EU/EEA driving licence valid for 90 days.
- J** IDP recommended as, in the event of an accident, some insurance companies will insist on seeing one. Additionally those licences which do not incorporate a photo need to be accompanied by photographic proof of identity.
- K** IDP must be exchanged for a local licence. A small charge will apply.
- L** An IDP is compulsory for holders of licences not incorporating a photo and also recommended for photocard licence holders.
- M** IDP compulsory and must be certified by the local authorities on arrival.
- N** IDP must be accompanied by a recognition permit available for a small fee from the AA of Ceylon in Colombo.
- P** Officially a certified translation is required from the Consulate.
- Q** For stays longer than 30 days.