

# ACT Driver Licences

## Learner Licences



Learner licences (green in colour) are issued for a period of 24 months but must be held for a minimum of 6 months and the driver must attain the age of 17 years before attempting a practical assessment. All holders of a Learner licence are subject to a blood or breath alcohol concentration of zero. If a Learner incurs 12 or more demerit points within a 3 year period, the learner licence will be suspended for a period of 3 months.

Any person aged 15 years and 9 months or more may apply for a Learner licence to drive a car. Applicants must provide original documents for the following:

- Provide proof of identity, age and residency;
- Complete and pass a Road Ready Learner Licence course;
- Pass a knowledge test on ACT road rules and safe driving practices; and
- Pass an eyesight test.

Learners must display 'L' plates and be accompanied by a person who holds a full licence to drive.

## Motorcycle Learners

To obtain a Motorcycle Learner licence, the applicant must be 16 years and 9 months old or more.

A Motorcycle Learner licence must be held for a minimum of 3 months before a practical riding test can be attempted. Motorcycle applicants must successfully complete the pre-learner licence government approved training course (currently Stay Upright) before being eligible to apply for a learner licence. Learner riders must display an 'L' plate at the rear of the motorbike. Towing is not permitted and Learners may not carry a pillion passenger.

Applicants for a Learner licence who already hold an ACT Driver licence for another class of vehicle will have both classes showing on the one licence.

## Provisional Licences



Provisional licences (red in colour) are issued for a period of 3 years following the successful completion of a practical driving or riding test. The minimum age for acquiring a Provisional licence 17 years. If you pass the practical assessment in an Automatic vehicle then your

licence will be endorsed with an 'A' condition, allowing you to drive automatic vehicles only for the first 12 months of your Provisional licence. All holders of a Provisional licence are subject to a blood or breath alcohol concentration of zero.

You will be required to display your 'P' plates for 3 years. You will lose your licence if you accumulate 4 or more demerit points. You can reduce the length of time that you must display your 'P' plates to 6 months and increase your demerit points limit to 8 points if you complete an optional 'Road Ready Plus' course. This course may not be undertaken until 6 months after gaining your Provisional Licence. (If you are aged 26 years and older you will have your demerit point limit increased to 8 points and will be able to remove the 'P' plates without having to undertake the Road Ready Plus course). You will also be restricted to towing trailers up to 750kg GVM for the first 12 months.

## Additional Provisional

Upon successful completion of a practical driving or riding test, learner motorcyclists and car drivers who already hold a Provisional, Full or National Heavy Vehicle licence of another class are required to hold an additional Provisional licence class for 12 months. If an existing Provisional licence has more than 12 months left on it then the licence holder must hold the additional Provisional licence until the expiry date of their existing Provisional licence.

## Full Licences



Full licences (gold in colour) are issued after a 3 year provisional period has been completed. All holders of a Full licence are subject to a blood or breath alcohol concentration of under 0.05. Full licences are renewable every 5 years. If a Full licence holder incurs

12 or more demerit points within any 3 year period, the licence is suspended for 3 months or the licensee may choose to hold a Good Behaviour Period for 12 months. Public vehicle drivers are also subject to a blood or breath alcohol concentration of zero whilst driving a public vehicle for hire or reward.

## National Heavy Licences



Drivers who hold a HR, HC or MC class of licence are issued with a National Heavy Vehicle Licence (magenta in colour). Holders are subject to a blood or breath alcohol concentration of zero when driving a heavy vehicle over 15t GVM.

National Heavy licences are renewable every 5 years. If a National Heavy licence holder incurs 12 or more demerit points within any 3 year period, the licence is suspended for 3 months or the licensee may choose to hold a Good Behaviour Period for 12 months.

## Probationary Licences



Probationary Licences (blue in colour) are issued to drivers or riders returning to driving after a court-imposed cancellation. The licensee will be required to hold a Probationary licence for 12 months before progressing to the previous licence type held. Holders of a

Probationary licence are subject to a blood or breath alcohol concentration of zero. If 2 or more demerit points are incurred by the licensee the Restricted licence will be cancelled.

## Restricted Licences



Restricted Licences (also blue in colour) are authorised by the Magistrates Court. This type of licence is governed by specific restrictions i.e. may only drive during working hours or may only drive during daylight hours. Holders of a Restricted licence are subject to a blood or breath alcohol concentration of zero. If 2 or more demerit points are incurred by the licensee the Restricted licence will be cancelled.



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## Identification and Residency Requirements for ACT Photographic Driver Licence and ACT Vehicle Registration

Applicants for a first issue of an ACT photographic driver licence (and renewals where a photo licence cannot be produced) and / or ACT vehicle registration are required to provide full evidence of identity (minimum of 3 documents):

- At least one document must be Primary Proof of Identity.
- Proof of Residency must be provided as a fourth document if not already satisfied by other POI documents.
- Photocopies are not acceptable and unless otherwise stated must be current (not expired).
- At least one of the identifications must show a signature.
- At least one of the identifications must show a date of birth.

### Primary Proof of Identity (documents which will be accepted)

- A Photographic Driver Licence issued in Australia (current or expired up to 2 years).
- Australian Birth Certificate (not a Commemorative Certificate and not an extract).  
If the certificate is not in the name currently used appropriate linking documentation will be required.
- Australian Passport (expired up to 2 years).
- Overseas Passport (expired by up to 2 years if accompanied by a current Australian Visa).
- Australian Citizenship Certificate or Naturalisation Certificate.
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship travel document (valid up to 5 years after issue).
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status.
- Portrait and Signature stored on Road User Services database.
- Australian Defence Force Photo-identity card (excluding civilians).
- Police Officer Photo-identity card (from ACT only).
- Australian Proof of Age Card (includes NSW Photo Card) with appropriate security features, showing date of issue by an Authority, that is current or expired up to 2 years.

### Secondary Proof of Identity (documents which will be accepted)

- Current Medicare Card.
- Current credit card or account card, with signature and embossed name from a Bank, Building Society or Credit Union.
- Current Student Identity Document (with photo and / or signature) issued by an Educational Institution.
- Current Centrelink or Department of Veterans Affairs Concession Card.
- Australian-issued Security Guard / Crowd Controller Licence (with photo).
- Australian-issued Firearm Licence (with photo).
- Current Consular photograph identity card issued by Department of Foreign Affairs.
- Current State or Federal Government employee photo-identity card.

### Proof of Residency (if not already established by Primary or Secondary Proof of Identity)

Must be supplied by all Interstate and Overseas licence holders transferring to an ACT Driver Licence or Vehicle Registration. Provided the applicant's residential address is listed on the document the following are acceptable:

- Contract of Purchase, Current Lease or Rental Document for relevant premises (a receipt only is not acceptable).
- Vehicle Registration Certificate (current).
- Driver Licence or Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice for coming period.
- Council Rates Notice (current).
- Land Tax Valuation Notice (current).
- Australian Taxation Office Assessment (last or current financial year). To protect your privacy customers are advised to block out their Tax File Number.
- Utility Accounts relating to the street address (Electricity, Gas, Landline Telephone or Water) paid within the last 3 months.

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