

# Australian Automobile Association

## International Driving Permit (IDP)

### Information and application form

#### What is an International Driving Permit?

An International Driving Permit (IDP) is issued to holders of an Australian state/territory driver's licence. An IDP is a special driving permit for tourists, authorised by a United Nations Treaty as:

- a means of allowing you to drive internationally, without further tests or applications, provided your domestic driver's licence is valid
- proof that you hold a valid driver's licence in your home country at the date of issue of the IDP.

#### An International Driving Permit:

- Is not a stand-alone document or a substitute for a valid driving licence—you must carry your Australian state/territory driver's licence with your IDP at all times.
- It in no way diminishes your obligations to conform strictly to the laws and regulations of the countries that you visit.
- Is valid only for 12 months from the date of issue or the expiry date of your Australian driver's licence (whichever is the lesser period).

Even if you don't intend driving when you travel overseas, carrying an IDP can be helpful as an extra form of identification.

Besides allowing you to drive in foreign countries, IDPs are officially sanctioned by the United Nations and accepted worldwide (in over 150 countries) as a recognisable form of identification. Having an IDP:

- allows you to carry your identification details in nine languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Greek, German and Japanese)
- provides you with an extra piece of identification along with your personal details (this can be useful if you are ever asked to surrender (or lose) your passport, which can happen under certain circumstances in some countries).

#### Who is eligible to apply?

You are eligible to apply for an IDP if:

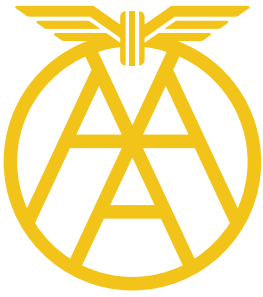
- you hold a current Australian state/territory driver's licence (not an overseas driver's licence)
- you are 18 years of age or over (including those with a provisional licence or P plate).

You cannot be issued an IDP if:

- you hold a learner driver's permit
- you have restrictions on your Australian state/territory driver's licence e.g.; alcohol ignition interlock, court orders, driver's aid, etc.

#### Protect your identity

Lost or stolen IDPs cause inconvenience and may be used by others to assume your identity for illegal activities. Please keep your IDP safe at all times. Please report any loss to [international@aaa.asn.au](mailto:international@aaa.asn.au) with the details of your case.



## Important

This International Driving Permit is a translation of your Australian state/territory driver's licence and is valid only for one year from the date of issue unless your domestic driving licence expires, is suspended or revoked in the meantime.

The IDP validity is for a translation purposes only, and does not provide for a legal right to drive within any contracting country unless the local domestic law provides for such a right. Applicants must be aware that in some instances additional certification is required from the visiting country prior to the IDP being given legal status. Applicants should contact the embassy or consulate of the intended country of visit to confirm the status of the IDP.

You are required to carry your Australian state/territory driver's licence with your IDP while overseas.

An IDP does not diminish the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country visited.

An IDP may allow you to drive or ride the vehicles you intend to use. Some travel insurance policies will not cover you if you have an accident using a vehicle you are not licenced to drive or will not accept an IDP. Please ensure that you check with your travel insurance company.

## Check before travelling

Visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) to view the latest travel advice.

## Warning on fraudulent IDPs

Please note that the only authorised IDP issuing body in Australia is the Australian Automobile Association (AAA). IDPs issued by AAA are distributed through the state and territory motoring organisations. Counterfeit IDPs are being offered for sale on the internet, usually at inflated prices. These forged IDPs are illegal. If you hold one, you may get into a great deal of difficulty with the traffic authorities in foreign countries.

## Your passport photo must:

- Be taken no more than six months before lodgement of an application.
- Be 45–50 mm in height and 35–40 mm in width.
- Show a close up of your head and the top of your shoulders such that the measurement from the bottom of the chin to the crown of the head is between 32 and 36 mm.
- Be centred, clear and in sharp focus with no shadows.
- Be of high quality, with no ink marks or creases and be on photographic paper.
- Have appropriate brightness and contrast that show skin tones naturally.



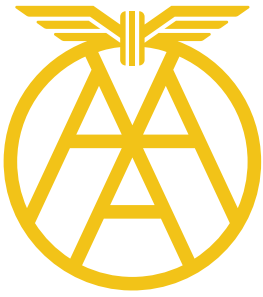
Too far away



Too close



Too dark



# Application for an International Driving Permit (IDP)

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Date of departure  Date of return

To which continent are you travelling? Asia  Africa  North America  South America  Europe  New Zealand

To which country are you travelling?

## IDP APPLICANT

Title Mr  Mrs  Ms  Dr  Other

First name

Middle name(s)

Last name

Street address   
Suburb  State  Postcode

Postal address   
Suburb  State  Postcode

Home telephone

Work telephone

Mobile telephone

Home email

Work email

Place of birth

Licence details Number:  Class(es):

Date of birth (as on licence)  Expiry date:

Issued by ACT  NSW  QLD  SA  TAS  VIC  WA

Are spectacles or contact lenses worn whilst driving? No  Yes

Membership details Club/Association:

Membership number  Expiry date:

Do you require postage? No  Yes

## POSTAGE

Cost of an IDP: \$39.00 AUD (GST free). Additional costs may apply for postage and handling.  
(Please note AAA does not accept responsibility for permits that are lost or delayed in the post.)

Within Australia (AUD): Registered Post \$6.00  Express Post \$9.00

Overseas (AUD): Registered Post \$17.00

## VERIFICATION AND DECLARATION

**I understand that my IDP will only be issued if this application is accompanied with:**

- a clear colour copy of both sides of my current Australian Driver's Licence (car or motorcycle)
- a passport photograph (as specified)
- exact payment in AUD\$ including postage, if applicable (cash payments only)

### I declare that:

I hold a valid Australian state/territory driver's licence.

The statements that I have made and the information that I have given in, or in connection with, this application are true and correct.

I consent to my personal information being used by the Australian Automobile Association (AAA), and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the purpose of issuing and administration of this product and acknowledge that this information will be used in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles and the Privacy Act (Cth) as amended.

I have read the terms and conditions and privacy policy at [www.aaa.asn.au/terms-and-conditions](http://www.aaa.asn.au/terms-and-conditions).

### Signature of applicant

Date signed

## MOTORING CLUB ADDRESSES\*

NSW/ACT	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT
NRMA	RACV	RACQ	RAA	RAC	RACT	AANT
9A York St Sydney NSW 2000	550 Princes Hwy Noble Park North VIC 3174	2649 Logan Rd Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113	101 Richmond Rd Mile End SA 5031	832 Wellington St West Perth WA 6005	179-191 Murray St Hobart TAS 7000	2/14 Knuckey St Darwin NT 0800

\* We highly recommend the use of registered post to send your application to your motoring club.

## OFFICE USE ONLY

IDP number

Date of issue (dd/mm/yyyy)

**Please read these important notices carefully**

**Completion of form:** It is suggested that members should either fill in this form personally or check the particulars. In no case is the office staff permitted to fill in these particulars.

**Submission of application form:** The completed application form together with your payment, should be forwarded via email, mail or directly to the issuing club or association for processing which is ten (10) working days to complete.

**IDP application checklist**

- Valid Australian state/territory driver's licence sighted
- Application form completed
- Signed the declaration at the bottom of the application form
- Payment received
- Current address sighted
- Entered into IDP website



# Payment for an International Driving Permit (IDP)

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## PAYMENT DETAILS

Amount payable **\$39.00+postage** (if applicable) \$  = Total \$

### Method of payment

Cash

Cheque

Credit card  Mastercard  Visa

Name on card

Number

Expiry date

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