

LIST OF COUNTRIES AND TYPE OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMITS RECOGNISED

Should the country you are visiting not be listed, kindly confirm if an International Driving Permit is valid with the AA Consultant or the Travel Information Centre on (011) 799-1400.

AFRICA		
Algeria (1926/1949/1968)	Guinea (1949)	Réunion (1949/1968)
Angola (1949)	Guinea Bissau (1949)	Rwanda (1949)
Benin (1949)	Ivory Coast (1949/1968)	São Tomé e Príncipe (1949)
Burkina Faso (1949)	Kenya (1926) (1949/1968)	Senegal (1949/1968)
Cameroun (1949)	Liberia (1949)	Seychelles (1949/1968)
Cape Verde Islands (1949)	Libya (1949)	Sierra Leone (1949)
Central African Republic (1949/1968)	Madagascar (1949)	Somalia (1926)
Chad (1949)	Malawi (1949)	Sudan (1949)
Comoro Islands (1949)	Mali (1949)	Tanzania (1926/1949/1968)
Congo (1949)	Mauritania (1949)	Togo (1949)
Djibouti (1949)	Mauritius (1949)	Tunisia (1949/1968)
Egypt (1926/1949/1968)	Morocco (1949/1968)	Uganda (1949)
Equatorial Guinea (1949)	Mozambique (1926/1949/1968)	Zaire (DRC) (1949/1968)
Gabon (1949)	Namibia (1949/1968)	Zambia (1949)
Gambia (3 mths) 1 (1949)	Niger (1949/1968)	Zimbabwe (1949/1968)
Ghana (1926) (1949/1968)	Nigeria (1926)	

AMERICA		
Argentina (1926/1943/1949)	Curaçao (1949)	Mexico (1943/1949/1968)
Bahamas (1949/1968)	Dominican Republic (1949)	Nicaragua (1 mth) 1 (1943) 3
Barbados (1949) 2	Ecuador (1943/1926/1949/1968)	Panama (1949)
Belize (1949)	El Salvador (1943/1949/1968)	Paraguay (1943/1949/1968)
Bolivia (1943/1949) 2,3	French Guiana (1949/1968)	Peru (1943/1949/1968)
Brazil (1926/1943/1968)	Guatemala (1949)	Suriname (1949)
Canada (1949) 1,2	Guyana (1949/1968)	Trinidad and Tobago (1949) 2
Cayman Islands (1949)	Haiti (1949)	United States of America (1943/1949)
Chile (1926/1943/1949/1968)	Honduras (1949)	Uruguay (1968)
Colombia (1943/1949)	Jamaica (1949) 3	Venezuela (1943/1949)
Costa Rica (1949)		
Cuba (1949/1968)		

ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST		
Afghanistan (1949)	Jordan (1949/1968)	Qatar (1 mth) 1 (1926/1949) 2
Bahrain (12 mths) 1 (1968) 2, 3	Korea (South) (1949/1968)	(1968) 2
Bangladesh (1949)	Kuwait (1949/1968)	Saudi Arabia (men only) (1949)
Bhutan (1949)	Laos (1949)	Singapore (3 mths) 1 (1949)
Brunei (1949)	Lebanon (1949/1968)	Sri Lanka (1949/1968)
Cambodia (Kampuchea) (1949)	Macao (1949)	Syria (1949/1968)
Hong Kong (1949)	Malaysia (1949)	Taiwan (1949)
India (1949/1968)	Nepal (15 days) 1 (1949)	Thailand (1949)
Indonesia (1926/1949/1968)	Oman (1949/1968)	Turkey (1949)
Iran (1949/1968)	Pakistan (1926/1949/1968)	United Arab Emirates (1949/1968) 1, 2
Iraq (1926)	Philippines (3 mths) 1 (1949/1968)	Vietnam (1949)
Israel (1949/1968)		Yemen (1968)
Japan (1949)		

AUSTRALASIA		
Australia (1949/1968)	New Caledonia (1949/1968)	Western Samoa (1949)
Fiji (1949)	New Zealand (1926/1949/1968)	(3 mths) 1, 2
French Polynesia (1949)	Papua New Guinea (1949)	

EUROPE		
Albania (1949)	(1926/1949/1968)	Portugal incl. Madeira and
Andorra (1949)	Gibraltar (1949)	Azores (3 mths) 1
Austria (1926/1949/1968)	Greece (1949/1968)	(1926/1949)
Belarus (1949) (1968)	Hungary (1949/1968)	Romania (1 mth) 1
Belgium (1926/1949/1968)	Iceland (1926/1949/1968)	(1949/1968)
Bulgaria (1949/1968)	Ireland (1926/1949)	San Marino (1949/1968)
Channel Islands (1949)	Italy (1926/1949/1968)	Slovakia (1968)
Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly USSR) (1949)	Kazakhstan (1968)	Slovenia (1949/1968)
Croatia (1949/1968)	Latvia (1949/1968)	Spain (1926/1949/1968)
Cyprus (1949)	Liechtenstein (1949)	Sweden (1949/1968)
Czech Republic (1949/1968)	Lithuania (1968)	Switzerland (1926/1949/1968)
Denmark (1926/1949/1968)	Luxembourg (1949/1968)	Tajikistan (1968)
Estonia (1968)	Macedonia (1949/1968)	Ukraine (1949/1968)
Finland (1926/1949/1968)	Malta (1949)	United Kingdom incl. Northern Ireland (1926/1949)
France (1926/1949/1968)	Moldavia (1968)	Vatican City (1949)
Georgia (1968)	Monaco (1949/1968)	Yugoslavia (1949/1968)
Germany (12 mths) 1	Netherlands (1926/1949)	
	Norway (1926/1949/1968)	
	Poland (1949) 1 (1968)	

- NOTE:**
1. Only recognises permit for limited period, if possible the period is indicated in brackets.
 2. Permit must be validated by the local authorities on arrival or as advised on arrival.
 3. Private vehicles only.

Countries with the date of the Convention in brackets recognise the Permit but are not party to any convention.

APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

International Driving Permits are issued by the AA in terms of the International Conventions relative to Road Traffic of 1926, 1949 and 1968 to holders of valid driver's licences issued in South Africa.

Although International Driving Permits are recognised internationally, holders must carry their valid local licences when travelling abroad. Many countries throughout the world recognise visitors' national driving licences. It is, however, recommended that an International Driving Permit also be carried. The permit is multilingual, thus convenient for use in non-English speaking countries. It is generally familiar to law enforcement officers and some car rental companies may insist on customers having an International Driving Permit.

While the AA takes every precaution to ensure that the information supplied is correct, it does not accept any responsibility or liability in this regard.

It is the applicant's responsibility to verify and check the information contained therein. In addition applicants should have the International Driving Permit validated by the relevant authorities in the country where they intend using the International Driving Permit and determine whether it is recognised and what the legal requirements for driving and using a vehicle are.

Possession of a local public driving permit does not automatically entitle the holder to drive public service vehicles or convey passengers for gain abroad. Such persons should check with the authorities of the countries concerned and obtain whatever additional documentation is required before entering into such activities.

International Driving Permits may not be postdated, extended or renewed and are not issued to persons under 18 years of age. The holder of a driver's licence issued in any SADC country need not obtain an International Driving Permit for use in the other SADC countries in which the driver's licence is recognised.

An IDP has to be accompanied by a valid South African driver's licence or temporary licence – when travelling internationally.

According to the National Road Traffic Act of 1996, a three (3) month grace period is provided if the driver has applied for renewal of his or her SA Driver's licence prior to the local licence expiring. This grace period entitles the driver for driving in South Africa only. According to the United Nations Convention relative to Road Traffic of 1926, 1949 and 1968, signed and agreed to by South Africa, an International Driving Permit may not be valid or issued after the expiry date of the corresponding domestic permit. The AA of SA can therefore not issue an International Driving Permit on neither an expired licence nor on the three (3) month grace period.

The AA of SA does not accept any claim that may arise in the event of the applicant not having obtained the necessary documentation.

An IDP is highly recommended, when driving internationally. If further information is required, we recommend that you contact the relevant authorities in the countries you intend visiting.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Recent identical standard size passport or id-type photographs are required. The number of photographs needed depends on the countries the applicant wishes to visit – check the list of countries in the adjoining panel to ascertain the number of permits required and then refer to the table below. Instant photographs are taken at the AA's Travel Experience Stores for a nominal charge.

No of photo's required for:

ONE PERMIT	TWO PERMITS	THREE PERMITS
2 photographs	3 photographs	4 photographs

CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES FOR WHICH INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMITS MAY BE USED

DRIVER'S LICENCE HELD	CODE	INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT CATEGORY
01, 02, 03, 04, 15, A	A1/A	Motorcycles (1968 (A), 1949 (A), 1926 (C)) *
08, EB, B, CI, C, ECI, EC	B	Motor vehicles other than those in category A, having a permissible maximum mass not exceeding 3 500 kg (7 700 lb) and not having more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat (1968 (B), 1949 (B), 1926 (A))
09, 10, 11, 13, 14, -CI, C, ECI, EC	C	Motor vehicles used for the conveyance of goods and of which the permissible maximum mass exceeds 3 500 kg (7 700 lb) (1968 (C), 1949 (C), 1926 (B))
08, 09, 10, 11, 13, -14, CI, C, ECI, EC	D	Motor vehicles used for the conveyance of passengers and having more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat (1968 (D), 1949 (D), 1926 (B)) **
08, 09, 10, 11, 13, -14, EB, ECI, EC	E	Combinations of vehicles of which the drawing vehicle is in a category or categories for which the driver is licensed (B and/or C and/or D), but which are not themselves in that category or categories, eg trailer/caravan (1968 (E), 1949 (E), 1926 (A and/or B))**
12	-	1968 (applicable category(ies) and "Restrictive conditions of use"), 1949 (applicable category (ies) and back-cover endorsement), 1926 (applicable category(ies) and back-cover endorsement)
PUBLIC DRIVING PERMIT	B & C/ D/E	Whichever vehicles may be driven by holder (1968 and 1949)
	A & B	Whichever vehicle(s) may be driven by holder (1926) **

* International Driving Permits can be issued for mopeds, ie motorcycles of less than 125 cc (01).

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MIDRAND

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