



Frequently Asked Questions

Licence transfer changes affecting applicants from newly recognised jurisdictions from 31 October 2026

What is changing?

On 29 July 2026, Austroads, the association of Australian and New Zealand transport agencies, expanded the Recognised Overseas Licences Scheme to include:

- Bulgaria
- Latvia
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Czech Republic
- Lithuania
- Republic of Serbia
- South Korea
- Estonia
- Poland
- Slovakia
- Taiwan

On 15 September 2026, the list was further expanded to include Hungary and the Republic of Cyprus.

What does the inclusion of these jurisdictions in the Recognised Overseas Licences Scheme mean?

The Recognised Overseas Licences Scheme is used by Australian driver licensing authorities to determine whether eligible overseas driver licence classes can be transferred to an Australian equivalent without completing a theory test or practical driving assessment (PDA).

The inclusion of these jurisdictions means eligible licence holders from these countries may access the licence transfer arrangements available under this scheme, once implemented by the relevant Australian driver licensing authority.

When will the new arrangements commence in Western Australia (WA)?

Each Australian State and Territory is responsible for implementing the arrangements within its own jurisdiction. As a result, commencement dates may vary across Australia.

The new arrangements will take effect in WA on **31 October 2026**.

Why is WA implementing the arrangements later than the Austroads recognition date?

Each Australian State and Territory is responsible for implementing the arrangements within its own jurisdiction. Recognition of the newly approved countries is being progressively introduced across Australian States and Territories from late 2026, to cater for individual jurisdictional implementation needs.

The WA commencement date allows time for the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) to ensure the necessary administrative arrangements are in place to support the implementation of the expanded overseas licence exchange framework.

The new arrangements will take effect in WA on **31 October 2026**.

Who is affected by this change?

This change affects applicants who hold a valid driver's licence from one of the newly recognised countries and wish to transfer their driving credentials to a WA driver's licence.

What overseas driver's licence classes can be transferred without further testing?

From **31 October 2026**, overseas **car and motorcycle licence** classes from countries listed above may be transferred to an equivalent WA licence without completing a theory test or PDA.

Applicants must still meet all other WA driver licensing requirements, including identity, residency, medical and other eligibility criteria.

I hold an overseas heavy vehicle driver's licence. Will I need to undergo testing to obtain a WA heavy driver's vehicle licence?

Yes. The Recognised Overseas Licences Scheme in WA only applies to eligible car and motorcycle licence classes.

All overseas heavy vehicle licence holders must complete an applicable theory test and a PDA for the relevant heavy vehicle class before a WA heavy vehicle licence can be granted.

What happens if I apply before 31 October 2026?

Applications made before 31 October 2026 will be assessed under the current arrangements, which require applicants to complete a theory test and PDA before being granted a WA driver's licence.

I have already booked a theory test and practical driving assessment. Should I still attend?

Yes. The current overseas driver's licence conversion framework for newly recognised jurisdictions remains in effect in WA until **31 October 2026**. Applicants who made an application before this date are required to complete the applicable theory test and practical driving assessment before a WA driver's licence can be granted.

Should I wait until 31 October 2026 to apply?

If you hold a driver's licence issued by one of the newly recognised countries and wish to take advantage of the licence transfer arrangements under the Recognised Overseas Licences Scheme, you should apply on or after **31 October 2026**.

Why were these countries recognised?

These countries were assessed as part of Australia's transition from the former Experienced Driver Recognition Country (EDR) arrangements.

Assessments for recognition consider an issuing country's driver licensing requirements including identity management processes, licence integrity and safety performance of overseas drivers after they transfer to an Australian licence.

Will more countries be added to the Recognised Overseas Licences Scheme?

The transition from the former EDR arrangements is ongoing and additional jurisdictions may be assessed through the Austroads recognition process.

If your jurisdiction is not currently recognised under the Scheme, you are encouraged to check the DTMI website regularly for updates.

Where can I find more information?

Visit the [Austroads website](#) for information about the Recognised Overseas Licences Scheme expansion.

For information about transferring your overseas driver's licence and driver licensing requirements in WA, please visit www.transport.wa.gov.au.