Application for issue or renewal of driver licence

1. What is your New Zealand driver licence number? (If you know it)

Name

2. What is your name?
   Surname
   Full first name
   Middle name(s)

3. Are the names on this application form different from the names shown on any of your supporting identification? (including any driver licence)
   ☐ No
   ☐ Yes → My previous name was:

Organ donation

4. Are you? ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate

5. Would you be willing to donate organs in the event of your death? No ☐ Yes ☐
   If you answer ‘yes’, in the event of your death your next-of-kin will be asked for their agreement to donate organs. Please let them know of your wishes.

Birth date

6. What is your date of birth? / /
7. Where were you born?
   Name of town/city
   Name of country

Address

8. Where do you live?

9. What is your mailing address? (If different from above)

10. Would you like your address printed on your licence?
    ☐ No
    ☐ Yes → ☐ Physical address OR ☐ Mailing address

11. What are your contact phone number(s)?
    Mobile ( )
    Other ( )

12. What is your email address?

Licence class and type

13. What type of licence are you applying for?
    ☐ Class 1  ☐ Learner  ☐ Restricted  ☐ Full
    ☐ Class 2  ☐ Learner  ☐ Restricted  ☐ Full
    ☐ Class 3  ☐ Learner  ☐ Restricted  ☐ Full
    ☐ Class 4  ☐ Learner  ☐ Restricted  ☐ Full
    ☐ Class 5  ☐ Learner  ☐ Restricted  ☐ Full
    ☐ Class 6  ☐ Learner  ☐ Restricted  ☐ Full

Make sure you have all the relevant What to bring requirements from page 3 and you have completed all questions - If not applicable write N/A.
14. Are you applying to go from a class 1 (car) restricted licence to a full licence?
- No
- Yes ➤ Have you completed an approved advanced driving skills course to reduce the time between your restricted and full licence?
  - No
  - Yes ➤ You must present the certificate with this application.

15. Do you have a medical condition* that could affect your ability to drive safely?
- No
- Yes ➤ Has that medical condition affected your ability to drive safely in the last five years?
  - No
  - Yes ➤ You must provide a medical certificate with this application.

Medical declaration
*Examples of medical conditions that could affect your ability to drive safely include:
- Alzheimers
- head or spinal injuries
- amputations
- high blood pressure
- convulsions
- joints or limb problems
- diabetes
- mental illness
- double vision
- stroke.
- epilepsy or fits
Medication and treatments can also affect your ability to drive safely.

Medical certificate
*Your medical certificate must have been for the same medical standard as the class(es) you are applying for now.
- Classes 1 and 6 and D, F, R, T and W endorsements are the same medical standard.
- Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 and P, V, I and O endorsements are the same medical standard.

You must provide a medical certificate if you:
- are turning 75 years of age or older, or
- are applying for or renewing a class 2, 3, 4 or 5 (truck licence) and you haven’t provided a medical certificate in the last five years*, or
- have a medical condition that has affected your ability to drive safely in the last five years.

The medical certificate must be issued by a New Zealand registered health practitioner, for example your doctor (GP), a registered nurse or nurse practitioner, or a specialist if appropriate.

The medical certificate must be no more than 60 days old when you make this application.

Eyesight
16. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses for driving?  
- No
- Yes

Declaration
I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, my licence is not currently suspended or revoked, and/or that I am not disqualified from obtaining or holding a driver licence.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information I have given for this application is correct.

I further declare that the medical fitness information provided above is true and accurate.

Signature of applicant

Date
Day  /  Month  /  Year

Office use only
Primary evidence of identity:
- NZ photo driver licence
- NZ passport
- NZ birth certificate
- NZ Transport Agency approved document
- Other (please specify)

Agent initials

Time ID checked

DLR user ID

After receipting, detach pages 3 and 4 and give to the applicant.

Agent to complete this section.
Reference number

Issue date

Expiry date

Supporting evidence of identity: (if applicable)
Reference number

Issue date

Expiry date

Evidence of name change: (if applicable)
Reference number

Issue/ effective date

Expiry date

Fee paid (GST included)

Date paid

Day  /  Month  /  Year

Agent stamp

Referee-verified image attached

Certificate of completion of course attached

Medical certificate attached

Eyesight certificate attached

Fit with lenses

Fit without lenses

Unfit
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Who should use this form?

Use this form if you are:

☐ Applying for a driver licence for the first time.
☐ Applying to renew a driver licence.
☐ A learner driver licence holder applying for a restricted licence.
☐ A restricted driver licence holder applying for a full licence.
☐ Applying for an additional licence class.

Note: if you’re applying to change your old paper type driver licence to a photo driver licence, you need to complete an Application for reissue of driver licence form (DL7) instead of this form.

What to bring (continued)

☐ Evidence of name change (must be original - no photocopies).

If you want to change the name on your driver licence or if the name on your identity documents isn’t the same as the name on your licence, you’ll need to provide acceptable evidence of name change. This must be one of the following:

☐ your marriage or civil union certificate
☐ your dissolution of marriage or civil union order
☐ a certificate of annulment
☐ a deed poll certificate, change of name certificate, or birth certificate showing both names
☐ a statutory declaration issued by Births, Deaths and Marriages confirming the name change.

Note: if your evidence of identity and name change documents don’t provide a clear link to the name currently on your driver licence, you may be required to provide additional documentation.

What to bring

You must bring the following original documents:

☐ Your completed application form.
☐ Evidence of your identity (must be original - no photocopies).

You must provide either:

☐ your New Zealand photo driver licence (can be current or expired up to two years), or
☐ your current New Zealand passport, or
☐ your current overseas driver licence and your current overseas passport, or
☐ your New Zealand birth certificate (issued on or after 1 January 1998) and a student ID card, 18+ card, power bill or bank statement*, or

*If neither document has a photo, you’ll also need to provide a verified image (see Factsheet 20 for more information).

☐ Medical certificate completed by a registered health practitioner (if applicable, see Medical certificate section on page 2).

☐ Certificate of completion of course (if applicable).

You must also bring:

☐ Your glasses or contact lenses if you wear them for driving.
☐ EFTPOS, credit card, cash or cheque for paying the fee.

The fees payable will vary depending on the type of application you’re making. To check the amount you will pay go to www.nzta.govt.nz/centrelicences or call us on 0800 822 422.

Booking a test online

If you’re applying for your restricted or a full licence for the first time, or you need to sit an on-road safety test, you can book your test online at www.nzta.govt.nz/online.

You’ll still need to complete the application process and present evidence of identity at a driver licensing agent prior to the test.

Where to apply

Take your completed form and all original documents to any driver licensing agent. Go to www.nzta.govt.nz/agent to find an agent in your area.
What to expect

The agent will process your application, check your identification, take your photo and a sample signature, check your eyesight and book appointments for any theory or driving tests.

When your photo is taken you mustn't wear sunglasses, a hat, any head coverings or anything else that might obscure your face or prevent the photo from being a good likeness. You may wear an item for religious or medical reasons provided you supply a signed statement confirming this, and wearing the item doesn’t prevent the photo from being a good likeness. Please don’t wear reflective or fluorescent clothing, as this may interfere with the quality of the photo.

You’ll need to pay the appropriate fee with your application. Once you’ve completed the application process, and passed any required tests, you’ll be issued with a temporary driver licence. Your photo driver licence should arrive in the mail within 21 days.

Tests

Information to help you prepare for and pass the tests is available on Factsheet 45 Learning to drive: Getting your car licence, Factsheet 28 Learning to ride: Getting your motorcycle licence and in The official New Zealand road code.

If you normally wear glasses or contact lenses to drive, make sure you bring them with you to the test.

If you can’t sit your theory test in English, go to www.nzta.govt.nz/theory-test or call us on 0800 822 422 for more information about sitting tests in other languages.

Practical tests are conducted in English. If you have difficulty speaking or understanding English you can bring an interpreter.

The testing officer may attach a small video camera to the front windscreen at the beginning of your practical test. The camera records the test and enables the testing officer’s performance to be audited. It also assists in investigating complaints where the test result is disputed. If you don’t want your test recorded, please let the testing officer know.

Email address

Giving us your email address is optional. We'll email you information and reminders about your application and driver licensing, and other Transport Agency services, including asking for feedback on our services and the transport system. If you sit a theory test, we’ll also email you a transcript of your test. We recommend using an email address that’s unique to you, so only you can see information we send you.

Eyesight

You must prove that your eyesight is up to standard. You can:

• pass an eyesight screening check at a driver licensing agent, or
• present a satisfactory eyesight certificate or medical certificate (no more than 60 days old).

The certificate must be issued by a New Zealand registered optometrist or medical practitioner. If you don’t pass the eyesight check at an agent, you’ll need to provide a certificate instead.

If you have sight in only one eye, or have only one eye (monocular vision) you’ll need to present an eyesight certificate.

Endorsement renewal

If you’re renewing your licence and you hold Forklift, Rollers, Tracks or Wheels endorsements, these will be renewed with your driver licence. Passenger, Vehicle Recovery, Driving Instructor, Testing Officer or Dangerous Goods endorsements need to be renewed separately. We’ll send you a reminder before they expire.

More information

More information is available at www.nzta.govt.nz/licence, or you can call us on 0800 822 422.

Your driver licensing agent has a range of factsheets which give more information on a wide range of driver licensing topics.

Our forms and factsheets provide concise common-sense advice and information. They can’t cover all aspects of a topic and shouldn’t be used instead of authoritative legal documents or legal advice.