

## Applying for your Learner's Licence

### **Manner of application for learner's licence**

An application shall be made by the applicant at a driving licence testing centre on form LL1 as shown in Schedule 2, and shall be accompanied--

- by two identical black and white or colour photographs of the applicant which--
  - i. shall have been recently taken;
  - ii. shall be clear cut and without shadows;
  - iii. shall be 40 millimetres in length and 30 millimetres in width;
  - iv. shall depict only the head and shoulders of the applicant;
  - v. shall show the applicant's full face;
  - vi. shall, subject to item (vii), show the applicant without headgear;
  - vii. may, if the applicant wears headgear required by a religion of which he or she is a bona fide member, show the applicant with such headgear:

Provided that if the examiner for driving licences is of the opinion that the photographs showing the applicant with headgear are inadequate for identification purposes, he or she may refer the photographs to an official designated by the Director-General of the Provincial Administration concerned for his or her approval or disapproval;

(aA) if the official referred to in paragraph (a)(vii) does not grant approval of the photographs, by two photographs taken in the manner agreed to in writing by such official;

- acceptable identification of the applicant;
- in the case of an applicant who is 65 years of age or older, by the medical certificate on form MC as shown in Schedule 2, signed by a medical practitioner or occupational health practitioner, certifying that the applicant is not disqualified in terms of section 15(1)(f) or (g) of the Act from obtaining a learner's or driving licence; and
- by the appropriate fee as determined by the MEC of the province concerned.

(2) If the applicant--

- is on the day determined for any reason whatsoever, not examined and tested; and
- is unable to satisfy the driving licence testing centre concerned that the reason for his or her not having been examined and tested is due to circumstances beyond his or her control,

the applicant shall again pay the fee referred to in subregulation (1)(d) if the driving licence testing centre determines another day and time on which the applicant shall present himself or herself to be examined and tested.

(3) An application for a learner's licence shall be made to the department of State where the applicant is employed.

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### **Manner in and contents on which applicant for learner's licence to be tested and examined**

(1) An applicant for a learner's licence shall be examined and tested by an examiner for driving licences.

(2) The examiner for driving licences shall satisfy himself or herself that the applicant--

- knows and understands--

- i. the rules of the road;

- ii. the road traffic signs; and

- iii. the controls of a motor vehicle of the class to which the application relates;

before issuing a learner's licence.

(3) The procedure to be followed by the examiner for driving licences in complying with subregulation (2) shall include the completion by the applicant of the

"**Theory Test for Learner drivers**", of the Corporation as published by the chief executive officer.

**Once the approved learner's licence test was passed, your learner's licence will be valid for a period of 24 months from the day of the test.**

### **[Booking your Learner's Licence](#)**

The categories of **learner's licences** and the **classes** of motor **vehicles** pertaining to each

code of **learner's licence** are:

- **Code 1:** Motor cycle with or without side-car, motor tricycle or quadrucycle;

(a) The holder of a code 1 learner's licence is authorised to ride motorcycle on a public road however a motor quadrucycles are not allowed to be ridden on a public road.

(b) To obtain a code 1 learner's licence you must be at least 16 years of age.

(c) If you are under the age of 18, you may only ride a motorcycle with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125 cubic centimetres.

(d) A code 1 learners licence does not authorise the carrying of passengers.

(e) A learner's licence in respect of a motorcycle, shall not authorise the holder to drive a motorcycle on a public road while carrying another person.

- **Code 2:** Motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, tricycle or quadrucycle, the tare of which does not exceed 3 500 kilograms, a mini-bus, bus or goods vehicle the gross vehicle mass of which does not exceed 3 500 kilograms, an articulated motor vehicle or combination of a motor vehicle and trailer of which the gross combination mass of the truck-tractor or drawing vehicle does not exceed 3 500 kilograms, or a tractor; and

(a) The holder of a code 2 learner's licence is authorised to drive any motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles other than a motorcycle or a motor tricycle, of which neither the "Tare", "Gross Vehicle Mass", nor the "Gross Combination Mass" of such vehicle, or vehicles exceeds 3500 kilograms.

(b) The holder of a code 2 learner's licence shall drive only those vehicles he or she is authorised to drive while under the direct supervision of a person who holds a driving licence for the applicable class of vehicle. c) To obtain a code 2 learner's licence you must be at least 17 years of age. d) Your learner's licence will be valid for 24 months from the date on which the approved test was passed.

- **Code 3:** Any motor vehicle other than a motor cycle, tricycle or quadrucycle.

(a) The holder of a code 3 learner's licence is authorised to drive any motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles other than a motorcycle, a motor tricycle or a motor quadrucycle, of which neither the "Tare", "Gross Vehicle Mass", nor the "Gross Combination Mass" of such vehicle, or vehicles exceeds 3500 kilograms.

(b) The holder of a code 3 learner's licence shall drive any motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles other than a motorcycle, or tricycle while under the direct supervision of a person who holds a driving licence for the applicable class of vehicle.

(c) To obtain a code 3 learner's licence you must be at least 18 years of age. d) Your learner's licence will be valid for 24 months from the date on which the approved test was passed.

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(2) (a) The holder of a learner's licence shall, except where such licence relates to a motor vehicle having no seating accommodation for a passenger or to a motor cycle, when driving the vehicle concerned, be accompanied in or on that vehicle by, and be under the direct personal supervision of a person seated next to him or her, or immediately behind him or her, where such person cannot be seated next to him or her, and who is in possession of a licence, other than a learner's or similar licence, authorising him or her to drive that class of motor vehicle.

- A learner's licence in respect of a motor cycle shall not authorise the holder of it to drive a motor cycle on a public road while carrying another person.
- A learner's licence shall not authorise the driving of a motor vehicle while carrying persons for reward, other than a person accompanying the holder of a learner's licence.

### [Applying for your Drivers Licence](#)

#### **Manner of application for driving licence**

(1) An application for a driving licence shall be made by the applicant at a driving licence testing centre on form DL1 as shown in Schedule 2, and shall be accompanied by--

- acceptable identification of the applicant;
- every licence which authorises the applicant to drive a motor vehicle;
- four photographs of the applicant, and
- the appropriate fee as determined by the MEC of the province concerned.

(2) If the applicant, on the day determined is not examined and tested for any reason whatsoever, and is unable to satisfy the driving licence testing centre concerned that the reason for his or her not having been examined and tested was due to circumstances beyond his or her control, he or she shall again pay the fee contemplated in subregulation (1)(d), if the driving licence testing centre determines another day and time on which he or she shall present himself or herself to be examined and tested.

(3) (a) The holder of a driving licence issued by a department of State prior to 1 January 1993, may apply for a driving licence in the manner referred to in subregulation (1), and the application shall further be accompanied by--

i. the licence held by the applicant; and

ii. an official letter from the department of State concerned--

certifying that the licence held by the applicant is valid;

indicating the equivalent category of the licence and

indicating any conditions and limitations applicable to the licence.

Upon receipt of an application contemplated in paragraph (a), an examiner for driving licences shall, if he or she is satisfied that the documents referred to in paragraph (a)(i) and (ii) are valid and relate to the category of driving licence for which the applicant applied, issue a driving licence, but the licence which was issued by the department of State shall not be cancelled and shall be handed back to the applicant.

(4) An application for a driving licence shall be made to the department of State where the applicant is employed.

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### **Manner and contents on which applicant for driving licence to be examined**

(1) An applicant for a driving licence shall be examined and tested by an examiner for driving licences.

(2) The examiner for driving licences shall by observation, inquiry and practical test, satisfy himself or herself that the applicant--

holds a learner's licence which authorises him or her to drive the class of motor vehicle to which his or her application relates; knows and understands the road traffic signs; has a sound knowledge of the rules of the road and the different signals which a driver of a motor vehicle is required to give when driving on a public road; is not subject to any disqualification referred to in section 15 of the Act read with regulation 102; and is generally capable of driving a motor vehicle of the class to which the application relates.

(3) In the case where a person applies for a driving licence which authorises him or her to drive an articulated motor vehicle, or a combination of a motor vehicle and trailer, the practical test shall be conducted while the semi-trailer is attached to the truck-tractor, or the trailer is attached to the drawing vehicle, whichever the case may be.

(4) For the purposes of subregulation

(2) an applicant shall not be required to undergo a written test.

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### **Manner of issue of driving licence**

(1) An examiner for driving licences shall, upon receipt of the fee for the issuance of a

driving licence as determined by the MEC of the province concerned, if such fee has not already been paid for the simultaneous issue of a driving licence with a different code, and if he or she is satisfied that the applicant shall be issued with a driving licence--

Complete the authorisation to issue the driving licence on form DL1, as shown in Schedule 2 and record the authorisation on the register of driving licences; indicate in the authorisation referred to in paragraph (a) whether the driving licence card should reflect an endorsement; take an imprint of the left thumb and right thumb of the applicant on the image scanning sheet (form ISS) and the duplicate of it, and should the applicant not have a left or right thumb, an imprint of such fingers as specified on the ISS form, the identification of which shall be noted on the image scanning sheet; affix one photograph of the applicant to the image scanning sheet (form ISS) and one photograph to the duplicate thereof; ensure that the same bar code number appears on form ISS and the duplicate of it; ensure that the applicant signs form ISS and the duplicate of it; retain the duplicate of form ISS for record purposes; record the barcode number of the image scanning sheet (form ISS) on the application form submitted in terms of regulation (1) and on the register of driving licences; and order the driving licence card on which the driving licence appears from the Card Production Facility and send form ISS to that facility not later than two working days after the date of the authorisation referred to in paragraph (a).

**(1A)** The driving licence testing centre shall pay over to the Card Production Facility such part of the fee, referred to in subregulation (1), payable in accordance with the agreement between that Facility and the Corporation, the amount of which shall be published by the chief executive officer by notice in the Gazette.

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**(2) (a)** On receipt of form ISS as shown in Schedule 2 and the order for the driving licence card, the Card Production Facility shall, if the image scanning sheet is accepted--

- i. personalise and produce the driving licence card on form DL3 as shown in Schedule 2; and
- ii. forward the driving licence card and notice NCD as shown in Schedule 2 to the driving licence testing centre concerned.

- If the image scanning sheet is not accepted by the Card Production Facility, the applicant shall submit a further two photographs of himself or herself upon receipt of which the examiner for driving licences shall complete a new image scanning sheet.

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**(3)** On receipt of the driving licence card referred to in subregulation (2), the driving licence testing centre shall--

- record the receipt of the driving licence card on which the driving licence appears in the register of driving licences;
- notify the applicant on form NCD as shown in Schedule 2, to collect the driving licence card at the centre;

- after presentation of the applicant's acceptable identification and the submission of every licence and professional driving permit held by the applicant, issue such driving licence card to the applicant;
  - if the applicant so requires, stamp and sign a copy of the previous licence, which is submitted with form NCD as shown in Schedule 2, so that it may be retained by the applicant as proof of the previous licence and the date of issue of it;
  - ensure that the applicant acknowledges receipt of the driving licence card on form DL1 as shown in Schedule 2; and
  - update the register of driving licences accordingly to reflect the issue of the driving licence card.
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### **Authorisation to allow person to receive driving licence card on behalf of another person**

#### **(1) Notwithstanding regulation**

- if an applicant knows that he or she will be unable to receive the driving licence card in person at the driving licence testing centre--

i. the application shall be accompanied by--

aa. certified copy of the identity document of the person who will receive the card on the applicant's behalf; and

bbb. an affidavit made by the applicant stating the reason why he or she will be unable to receive the card in person, and the name and identification number of the person who will receive the card on his or her behalf; and

ii. the person whose name and identification number appears on the affidavit shall receive the card on behalf of the applicant and shall present his or her identity document upon such receipt; or

- if an applicant is unable to receive the card in person due to unforeseen circumstances, the person who receives the card on behalf of the applicant shall submit--

i. his or her identity document and a certified copy thereof;

ii. a certified copy of the identity document of the applicant; and

iii. an affidavit made by the applicant which contains an explanation of the unforeseen circumstances preventing him or her from receiving the card in person and the name and identification number of the person who will receive the card on his or her behalf.

**(2)** The driving licence testing centre shall upon submission of the said documents issue the card to the said person.

## **A PERSON IS DISQUALIFIED FROM OBTAINING OR HOLDING A DRIVING LICENCE:**

- (1) If such person is addicted to the use of any drug having a narcotic effect or the excessive use of intoxicating liquor and ;
- (2) during any period in respect of which he or she has been declared by a competent court or authority to be disqualified from obtaining or holding a licence to drive a motor vehicle, while such disqualification remains in force;
- (3) where a licence to drive a motor vehicle held by him or her has been suspended by a competent court or authority, while such suspension remains in force;
- (4) where a licence to drive a motor vehicle held by him or her has been cancelled by a competent court or authority, for such period as he or she may not apply for a licence;
- (5) if such licence relates to a class of motor vehicle which he or she may already drive under a licence held by him or her;
- (6) If suffering from one of the following diseases or disabilities:
- (7) uncontrolled epilepsy; Version Draft Copyright © 2012 by SA Department Transport 1 2 June 2012
- (8) sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting due to hypertension or any other cause;
- (9) any form of mental illness to such an extent that it is necessary that he or she be detained, supervised, controlled and treated as a patient in terms of the Mental Health Act, 1973 (Act No. 18 of 1973);
- (10) any condition causing muscular in coordination;
- (11) uncontrolled diabetes mellitus;
- (12) defective vision ascertained in accordance with a prescribed standard;
- (13) any other disease or physical defect which is likely to render him or her incapable of effectively driving and controlling a motor vehicle of the class to which such licence relates without endangering the safety of the public: Provided that deafness shall not of itself be deemed to be such a defect.

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## **DRIVER OF MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE LICENSED**

No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a public road—

(a) except under the authority and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued to him or her in terms of the National Road Traffic Act (b) unless he or she keeps such licence or document with him or her in the vehicle.

### **HOLDER OF LICENCE TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PLACE OF RESIDENCE**

When the holder of a licence to drive a motor vehicle which was issued in terms of the National Road Traffic Act has changed his or her place of residence permanently, he or she shall, within 14 days after such change, notify in the prescribed manner the registering authority in whose area he or she is ordinarily resident of his or her new residential and postal address.

### **UNLICENSED DRIVER NOT TO BE EMPLOYED OR PERMITTED TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE**

No person who is the owner or operator, or is in charge, or control, of a motor vehicle shall employ or permit any other person to drive that vehicle on a public road unless that other person is licensed in accordance with the National Road Traffic Act to drive the vehicle.

### **PROFESSIONAL DRIVER TO HAVE PERMIT**

No person shall drive a motor vehicle of a prescribed class on a public road except in accordance with the conditions of a professional driving permit issued to him or her in accordance with the National Road Traffic Act and unless he or she keeps such permit with him or her in the vehicle: Provided that this requirement shall not apply to the holder of a learner's licence who drives such vehicle while he or she is accompanied by a person registered as a professional driver in respect of that class of vehicle and unless he or she keeps such professional driving permit with him or her in the vehicle.

### **PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENCE AND LICENCE DISC**

A motor vehicle licence and licence disc shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the first day of the month in which such licence and licence disc were issued and the date of expiry of such licence shall be shown on the motor vehicle licence and licence disc.

## OFFENCES

The owner of a vehicle is also responsible for all offences committed with his/her vehicle on a public road, if he/she permitted the use of the vehicle.

The **categories of driving licences** are indicated by the **codes mentioned** in the **first** column of the table **below**, each of **which** pertains to the **classes of motor vehicles mentioned against** it in the second column of the table, and **authorises** the holder of such code to drive the motor vehicles mentioned against it in the said second column and third **column** of the **table**:

CODE	CLASS OF MOTOR VEHICLE	AUTHORISATION
A1	<p>A motor cycle without side-car which has an engine with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125 cubic centimetres, or which is propelled by electrical power, but does not include--</p> <p>(i) any vehicle propelled by electrical power derived from storage batteries and which is pedestrian controlled; or</p> <p>(ii) any vehicle with a tare not exceeding 230 kilograms and specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, for the use of any person suffering from some physical defect or disability or a person of old age and used solely by such person.</p>	<p>Includes authorisation to drive--</p> <p>(i) (aa) a motor cycle with a side-car;</p> <p>(bb) a motor tricycle;</p> <p>(cc) a motor quadrucycle,</p> <p>which has an engine with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125 cubic centimetres; and</p> <p>(ii) a vehicle having pedals and an engine or an electric motor as an integral part thereof or attached thereto and which is designed or adapted to be propelled by means of such pedals, engine or motor, or both such pedals and engine or motor.</p>
A	<p>A motor cycle without a side-car which has an engine with a cylinder capacity exceeding 125 cubic centimetres.</p>	<p>Includes authorisation to drive--</p> <p>(i) a motor cycle with a side-car;</p>

- (ii) a motor tricycle;
- (iii) a motor quadrucycle; and
- (iv) any other motor vehicle for which a code A1 driving licence is required.

B A motor vehicle, excluding a motor cycle, motor tricycle, motor quadrucycle, tractor and a motor vehicle which is a type of mobile agricultural or industrial equipment or machinery not designed principally for the conveyance of persons or goods, being--

Includes authorisation to drive--

(i) a motor vehicle the tare of which does not exceed 3 500 kilograms; or

(i) a tractor; and

(ii) a mini-bus, a bus or a goods vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of which does not exceed 3 500 kilograms,

(ii) a motor vehicle which is a type of mobile agricultural or industrial equipment or machinery not designed principally for the conveyance of persons or goods,

with or without a trailer.

with or without a trailer, the gross vehicle mass of which does not exceed 750 kilograms, but does not include an articulated motor vehicle.

C1 A motor vehicle, excluding a motor cycle, motor tricycle, motor quadrucycle, tractor and a motor vehicle which is a type of mobile agricultural or industrial equipment or machinery not designed principally for the conveyance of persons or goods, being--

Includes authorisation to drive any motor vehicle for which a code B driving licence is required.

(i) a motor vehicle, the tare of which exceeds 3 500 kilograms but does not exceed 16 000 kilograms; or

(ii) a mini-bus, a bus or a goods vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of which exceeds 3 500 kilograms but does not exceed 16 000 kilograms,

with or without a trailer, the gross vehicle mass of which does not exceed

750 kilograms, but does not include an articulated motor vehicle.

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| C   | A motor vehicle, excluding a motor cycle, motor tricycle, motor quadrucycle, tractor and a motor vehicle which is a type of mobile agricultural or industrial equipment or machinery not designed principally for the conveyance of persons or goods, being a bus or a goods vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of which exceeds 16 000 kilograms, with or without a trailer the gross vehicle mass of which does not exceed 750 kilograms, but does not include an articulated motor vehicle.  | Includes authorisation to drive any motor vehicle for which a code B or C1 driving licence is required.     |
| EB  | A motor vehicle, excluding a motor cycle, motor tricycle, motor quadrucycle, tractor and a motor vehicle which is a type of mobile agricultural or industrial equipment or machinery not designed principally for the conveyance of persons or goods, being--<br><br>(i) an articulated motor vehicle, of which the gross combination mass of the truck-tractor does not exceed 3 500 kilograms;<br><br>(ii) a combination of--<br><br>(aa) a motor vehicle the tare of which does not exceed 3 500 kg; or<br><br>(bb) a mini-bus, bus or goods vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of which does not exceed 3 500 kilograms,<br><br>with a trailer the gross vehicle mass of which exceeds 750 kilograms. | Includes authorisation to drive any motor vehicle for which a code B driving licence is required.           |
| EC1 | A motor vehicle, excluding a motor cycle, motor tricycle, motor quadrucycle, tractor and a motor vehicle which is a type of mobile agricultural or industrial equipment or machinery not designed principally for  | Includes authorisation to drive any motor vehicle for which a code B, C1 or EB driving licence is required. |

the conveyance of persons or goods,  
being--

(i) an articulated motor vehicle, of  
which the gross combination mass of  
the truck-tractor exceeds 3 500  
kilograms but does not exceed 16 000  
kilograms;

(ii) a combination of--

(aa) a motor vehicle the tare of which  
exceeds 3 500 kg but does not exceed  
16 000 kg; or

(bb) a mini-bus, bus or goods vehicle,  
the gross vehicle mass of which  
exceeds 3 500 kilograms but does not  
exceed 16 000 kilograms,

with a trailer the gross vehicle mass of  
which exceeds 750 kilograms.

EC	A motor vehicle, excluding a motor cycle, motor tricycle, motor quadrucycle, tractor and a motor vehicle which is a type of mobile agricultural or industrial equipment or machinery not designed principally for the conveyance of persons or goods, being--	Includes authorisation to drive any motor vehicle for which a code B, C1, C, EB or EC1 driving licence is required
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(i) an articulated motor vehicle of  
which the gross combination mass of  
the truck-tractor exceeds 16 000  
kilograms;

(ii) a combination of a bus or goods  
vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of  
which exceeds 16 000 kilograms,

with a trailer the gross vehicle mass of  
which exceeds 750 kilograms.

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## **Period of validity of learner's and driving licences**

(1) The period of validity of a learner's licence issued or **deemed** to be issued shall be 24 **months** from the date of **examination** and test.

(2) (a) The **period** of validity of a driving licence issued or deemed to be issued in **terms** of section 18 of the Act shall be **indefinite**, unless such licence has been **suspended** or cancelled in terms of the Act.

- (i) **The** holder of a **driving** licence **that** was issued before 1 March 1998, who wishes to substitute such licence as contemplated in section 19 of the Act, shall apply for such substitution before or within the period determined by the chief executive officer by notice in the *Gazette*.

(ii) **Different** periods may be determined under **subparagraph** (i) in respect of **licence** holders whose surnames start with different letters of the alphabet, or whose dates of birth fall in different months.