



A GUIDE TO OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENCE

If you want to drive a vehicle you will need to obtain a driver's licence

How do I get a driver's licence?

There are a number of steps to follow to obtain a full driver's licence.

Step1.

Complete the Application form for Driving Licence or Provisional Licence (TR07) including the classes of vehicles you want to get a licence for. Bring the form to IRD along with a copy of your birth certificate.

It is important that the actual driver comes to Inland Revenue as a photograph and their signature captured as part of the process. Do not send someone to do this for you.

Step2.

IRD will issue you with a Provisional Driver's Licence that is valid for 3 months.

Step3.

During this 3 month period you can learn to drive on the road. The vehicle must clearly display a 'L' plate to indicate it is being driven by a Provisional Licence holder. The provisional licence holder must be accompanied by a fully licensed driver for the class of vehicle being driven while learning how to drive.

During the 3 months you should also learn the Highway Code.

Step4.

If you are confident to drive you must go to MID to book and pay for a driving test. The test includes a theory and practical component. This must be booked before the Provisional Licence expires.

If you are not confident to sit the driving test you will need to renew your provisional licence.

Step5.

After you have successfully passed your test, MID will issue you with a Certificate of Competency.

Step6.

Bring the certificate to IRD who will issue a new full driver's licence.

What if I already have a licence from overseas?

If you already have a valid driver's licence from another country a Solomon Island licence can be issued to you. You can drive on your overseas licence in Solomon Islands for a maximum period of 4 months only. Please complete the Application form (TR07) and go to IRD.

You will be able to get a licence for the same vehicle classes as is on your overseas licence.

If you hold an overseas provisional licence you will have to gain a Solomon Island licence and follow normal process to get a full licence as set out above.

What if I want to add another class of vehicle to my licence?

If you already have a full driver's licence and want to add another class of vehicle you will have to get a Provisional Licence, pay for another driving test, and sit the test for that class.

Once you have passed the test you should bring your Certificate of Competency to IRD and they will issue a new Drivers Licence.

Fees and Payments	Amount	Duration
Provisional Licence		
(a) New	\$30.00	3 months
(b) Renewal	\$30.00	3 months
(c) Reprint/Replacement	\$50.00	each
Full Drivers Licence		
(a) New - all classes	\$103.00	1 year
	\$278.00	3 years
	\$438.00	5 years
(b) Renewal – all classes	\$103.00	1 year
	\$278.00	3 years
	\$438.00	5 years
(c) Reprint/Replacement	\$50.00	each

Who should I contact if I need more information?

You can contact Inland Revenue's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Team on 28243. Licensing forms can be downloaded from our website www.ird.gov.sb