

Exchange an out-of-province driver's licence

How to switch a driver's licence from another province, state or country for an Ontario driver's licence.

New residents

When you move to Ontario, you can use a valid licence from another province, state or country for **60 days**. After 60 days, you need to switch to an Ontario driver's licence.

To get a full licence, you need to meet certain requirements. The process depends on:

- how long you have been driving
- where you were licensed before

Exchange a driver's licence

You can exchange an out-of-province licence for an Ontario licence, if you are re-locating from:

- any Canadian province or territory
- Canadian Armed Forces
- U.S. States
- Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, the Isle of Man, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Switzerland, Taiwan

When you can't exchange

You cannot exchange:

- a driver's licence from a country that does not have an exchange agreement in place with Ontario (it is not listed in the section above)
- a learner's permit or novice-class driver's licence from another province, state or country
- a motorcycle class driver's licence from Japan, South Korea, Germany, France, Great Britain, Austria, Belgium, Isle of Man, or Republic of Ireland for a Class M Motorcycle licence, because the exchange agreements mentioned above do not include motorcycle class driver's licences.

You might still be able to fast-track and get credit for previous driving experience.

You need to provide the right documents, when you apply for an Ontario driver's licence.

Proof of driving experience

You can **self-declare one year** of driving experience, by showing a valid, original foreign driver's licence.

If you want to earn credit for more than one year of driving experience, you will also need an **official letter** from the foreign government or agency that issued the driver's licence, confirming that the licence is authentic. This letter needs to be written in English or French.

You do not need a letter if you are exchanging a novice licence from another province.

How to apply

- take an eye test
- bring originals of your accepted identity documents showing your legal name, date of birth and signature
- bring your original, valid out-of-province/foreign driver's licence*
- bring any original supporting documents that show proof of your driving experience in English or French
- pay the applicable fees
- fill out an application form (where you will state how long you have been driving)

You might also need to take a written test or road tests, before you get a full licence. It depends on your circumstances.

An out-of-province/foreign driver's licence needs to:

- be valid
- display a visible expiry date
- be written in either English or French. If it is not, you need to get it translated by a certified translator. The translation must be current – dated within six months of when you apply for an Ontario licence