

Driving on New Zealand Roads and converting my overseas drivers licence to a New Zealand licence?

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You can drive in New Zealand if you have a valid overseas licence or driver permit, however there are criteria that must be met.

See the [New Zealand Transport Agency](#) website for full information.

- You can drive on your overseas driver's licence for a maximum period of 12 months from the date you arrive in New Zealand
- If you will be in New Zealand for more than a year, you will need to obtain a New Zealand driver licence.
- You can apply to convert your overseas licence if it is still current or has expired less than 12 months ago.

To convert your overseas driver licence to a New Zealand driver licence, you must apply at a driver licensing agent. For further information, please see the [New Zealand Transport Agency website](#).

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