

Driving in Australia

Important things you need to know before driving in Australia & NSW



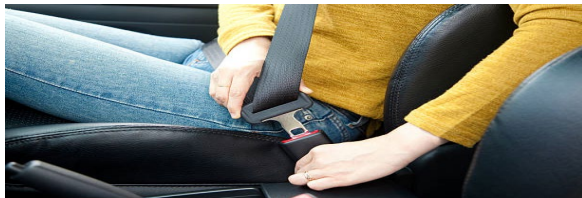
Australia Driver's licence - Full, Learner, Provisional

- You must have a valid Australian licence to drive in Australia.



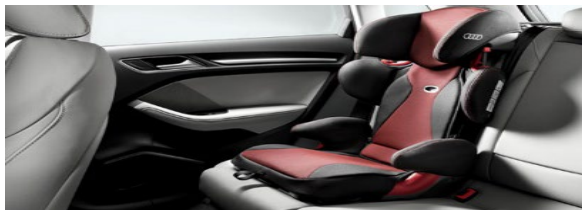
Car registration

- You must register your car before you drive it.



Seat belt

- You and all passengers must wear seat belt while using the car.



Child Seat

- Children age 7 or under must use child seat.



Driving Law and Road Rules

- There are strict rules about alcohol and drugs intake when driving. No drugs when driving.
- You must follow all road rules while driving.

Contact **Road and Maritime Services** for more information on licence, registration, and driving law and rules **13 22 13** or go to

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/>



Car Insurance

- In NSW, you need to have **CTP (Compulsory Third Party)** insurance to cover the other person
- **Comprehensive** insurance covers both you and the other person.

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What happens if you do not follow the law related to driving?

PENALTIES



Fine

A police officer may give you a fine on the spot.

For example:

- Not wearing a seat belt
- Children (under age 7) not using child seat
- Not stopping at red light



Court

You may go to court if you break more serious law. For example:

- Driving after drinking too much alcohol
- Driving after taking drugs
- Dangerous speeding

The Court may ask you to pay a very expensive fine.



Court order

The Court may ask you to do certain things.



Prison

In some states including NSW, the Court may send you to prison when you break certain driving law or you have broken the same law.



Licence cancellation

The Court may cancel your licence.



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You can get legal help from:

1. **Law Access NSW - 1300 888 529 (free telephone legal helpline)**
You can call Law Access with help from TIS interpreters (131450)
2. **Community Legal Centres NSW**
<http://www.clcnsw.org.au/> (Find your closest centre and contact number online)
3. **Legal Aid NSW**
<https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/legal-aid-nsw-offices> (find your closest office and contact number online)
4. **Salvos Legal Humanitarian**
 - Free telephone and face-to-face legal advice on various types of matters including immigration, citizenship and humanitarian cases
 - Free legal service to those who needs it most
 - Find your closest Salvos Legal and contact number online
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