



## Driving in Australia & QLD

### Important things you need to know before driving in Australia



**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 **Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR)** for more information on licence, registration, and driving law and rules **13 23 80** or go to [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au)



**Car Insurance**

- In **QLD**, 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



#### Court – heavy fine

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



#### Court order

The Court may ask you to do certain things.



#### Court - 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.



#### Court – Licence cancellation

The Court may cancel your licence.



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### You can get legal help from:

#### 1. Legal Aid Queensland (LAQ) – 1300 65 11 88

- LAQ provides **free legal information on their website, by telephone or face to face** at one of 14 offices and various community access points.
- **If you need an interpreter**, you can call Legal Aid QLD through **Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) (131450)**

#### 2. Community Legal Centres Queensland

- Community legal centres provide **free or low-cost legal** services, and **specialist** services, such as Refugee and Immigration Legal Service
- Find your closest centre and contact number online  
<http://communitylegalqld.org.au/find-legal-help/find-a-centre/browse-directory>