

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



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>