



Driving in Australia & VIC

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



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 **VicRoads** for more information on licence, registration, and driving law and rules 13 11 71 or go to www.vicroads.vic.gov.au



Car Insurance

- In VIC, CTP (Compulsory Third Party) insurance is part of registration fee. CTP only covers personal injuries.
- **Comprehensive** insurance covers vehicle damage for 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 as penalties.



Prison

In some states including VIC, 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. Victoria Legal Aid – 1300 792 387

- Free phone and online legal information.
- Free or low-cost legal service through eligible Legal Aid Grant applicants.
- Support from 15 offices and community access points.
- **There are 18 phone lines in languages other than English such as Arabic, Mandarin and Persian.** If your language is not available, you can call VIC Legal Aid through **Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) (131450).**

2. 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
https://www.fclc.org.au/find_a_community_legal_centre_generalist

3. Salvos Legal Humanitarian – (03) 9313 2600

- 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