

Driving in Australia & South Australia

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 **Service SA** for more information on licence, registration, and driving law and rules **13 10 84** or go to <https://www.sa.gov.au/contact-us>



Car Insurance

- In **SA** 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:

Legal Services Commission of South Australia (LSC)

- LSC provides legal services for people who can't afford to pay for legal representation
- If you need an interpreter, you can call LSC through Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) (131450)
- Contact via <https://lsc.sa.gov.au/> or call **1300 366 424**

Uniting Communities

- Uniting Communities provides information, advice and representation on social security matters, including Centrelink and appeals in the Administrative Appeal Tribunal
- Contact via **(08) 8342 1800**