



## Driving in Australia & TAS

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



#### 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



#### 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 **Transport Services Tasmania** for more information on licence, registration, and driving law and rules call 1300 135 513 or go to

<https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/>



#### Car Insurance

- In TAS, 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 TAS, 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. Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania – 1300 366 611

- Free phone and online legal information and advice.
- Free or low-cost legal service through eligible Legal Aid Grant applicants.
- Support from 4 offices and community access points.
- For help in your own language, you can call TAS 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.justice.tas.gov.au/legal\\_assistance](https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/legal_assistance)