

## Driving in Australia & Western 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 4-7 must use forward-facing child seat or booster 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 WA** for more information on licence, registration, and driving law and rules **13 11 56** or go to <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au>



#### Car Insurance

- In WA, **CTP (Compulsory Third Party) insurance** is included in the vehicle licence.
- CTP insurance is part of licence renewal fee.
- Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA) is the only CTP insurer in WA.

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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 (age 4-7) 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 WA, 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 Aid WA**
  - **Offers free or low-cost legal help to the community**
  - Help if you have questions about the law, need advice or are going to court
  - If needed, you can request for an interpreter in your language when making an appointment. The interpreter's fee is covered by Legal Aid WA.
  - **To make an appointment:**
    - Call 1300650579, Monday to Friday between 9 am to 4 pm.
    - Go to partner agencies – Citizens Advice Bureau, Clarkson Library, Hope Community Services, the Karrayili Adult Education Centre, Community Resource Centre
- **Community Legal Centres**
  - To make an appointment, call (08) 9221 9322
  - For more information go to [www.naclc.org.au](http://www.naclc.org.au)