

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.nacclc.org.au