

The International Driving Permit (IDP) is recognised worldwide as a valuable document identifying motorists as properly-licensed drivers.

Although many countries recognise the Singapore driving licence, the IDP may prevent any inconvenience when renting a car or when driving in a foreign country where English is not commonly spoken. In such situations, drivers may find themselves handicapped by language barriers. The IDP contains translation of terms used in various international languages that would enable drivers to communicate with car rental companies.

The IDP is also a useful form of identification as it contains a photograph of the driver.

**While the IDP is highly recommended if the driver is holding a social visit pass for more than 3 months, it is advised that those who going to a country for any reason other than for touring purposes, and will be staying for a period longer than three months should first contact the respective embassies or consulate offices for their country of destination to obtain more information on driving licence requirements.**

#### Issuing Authority - AA Singapore

- The Automobile Association of Singapore (AA Singapore) is the only authorised body in Singapore to issue the 1949 Convention International Driving Permit.
  - Internet surfers are advised against applying for IDPs that are being sold illegally on the web. The sellers of these forged documents are not only breaking the law but are also endangering the lives of road users.
- Those who wish to obtain an IDP for travel abroad are advised to apply for one through AA Singapore.

#### Eligibility of IDP Applicant

- The applicant must hold a valid Singapore driving licence. Licence must be valid for no less than 6 months.
- Permits cannot be issued to holders of foreign driving licences. They must make their application in the country of issue of their national driving licence.
- Foreign driving licence holders who wish to convert their licence to the Singapore driving licence are advised to first contact the Licensing Section, Traffic Police, No.10 Ubi Ave 3 at tel no : 547 0000 for more information on application procedures.

#### Application Procedures

- The IDP is available only at AA Singapore Head Office, AA Centre Level 1 and at AA Kaki Bukit Branch Office, AAS Kaki Bukit Centre Level 3.

- To apply for an IDP, you need to produce a valid and original Singapore driving licence, NRIC or passport for foreigners and 2 recent passport-sized photographs. The processing fee is S\$20.00 (non-GST chargeable). You would also need to fill up an application form when you are at our office.

- You may send a representative to our premises to apply for the permit on your behalf provided that a letter of authorisation is produced in addition to the documents set out above. Photocopies of the driving licence will not be accepted. If the Singapore driving licence cannot be produced, an extract of the driving licence records can be obtained for a fee of S\$10.00 from the Traffic Police at No.10 Ubi Ave 3.
- The IDP will be issued on-the-spot. The IDP is valid for one year from the date of issue.
- If you require an IDP after your current one expires, please proceed to our office with the required documents to apply for a new permit.
- We accept applications via mail provided that the required original documents are sent over to us. Please remember to enclose a cheque payment of S\$20.00 for the processing fee, made payable to the 'Automobile Association Of Singapore'. You may also include courier service or registered mail charges if you choose to have the permit sent to you via such mailing services.

#### Loss of IDP

- If you have lost your IDP, you can obtain a replacement from us. The fee is S\$10.00. You are required to lodge a police report first (preferably in English). Please produce the police report, Singapore driving licence and 1 photograph and you will get the replacement on-the-spot.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- It is an offence to drive a vehicle without a valid driving licence, and, where required, a permit. An International Driving Permit issued in Singapore is not valid for use in Singapore.
- It is important to check the details of your particulars printed in the IDP. Errors, omissions or changes can only be rectified by the Issuing Association (AA Singapore).
- The IDP requires your signature on the line directly beneath your photograph.
- Your valid Singapore driving licence must accompany the IDP at all times when used overseas.
- The IDP is valid for only 1 year from the date of issue.
- Although many car rental companies worldwide usually require to see only your national driving licence, some car rental companies will still require the IDP. Therefore, if you are making an advanced reservation in Singapore, ask the rental company concerned to confirm the driving licence requirements of the country to be visited. However, applying for the IDP is a precautionary measure and can prevent any inconvenience in the absence of one.

## LIST OF COUNTRIES WHERE THE INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR HOLDERS OF THE SINGAPORE DRIVING LICENCE.

WHERE APPLICABLE, PLEASE ALSO REFER TO THE FOOTNOTES.

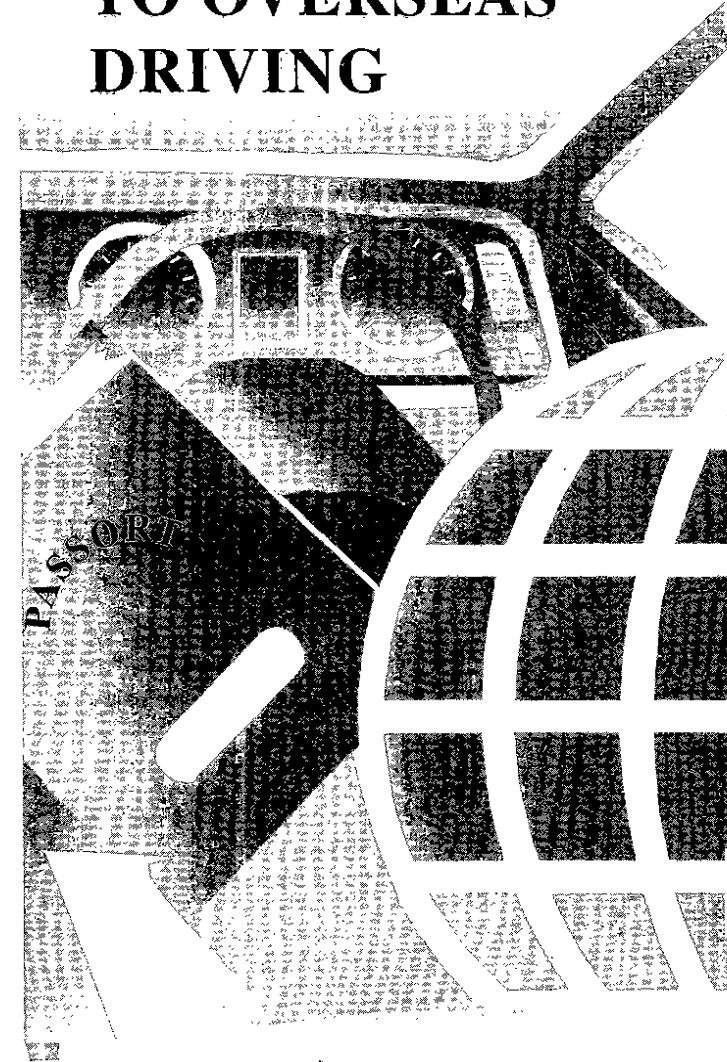
AFGHANISTAN	GHANA (18)	NORWAY (1)
ALBANIA	GIBRALTAR	OMAN
ALGERIA	GREECE	PAKISTAN
ANDORRA (1)	GUATEMALA (1)	PANAMA (1)
ANGOLA	GUERNSEY (CHANNEL ISLANDS) (1)	PAPUA NEW GUINEA (1)
ANTIGUA	GUINEA	PARAGUAY (1)
ARGENTINA	GUINEA-BISSAU (1)	PERU (12)
AUSTRALIA (1)	GUYANA (1)	PHILIPPINES (18)
AUSTRIA	HAITI	POLAND (1)
BAHAMAS (2)	HONDURAS (1)	PORTUGAL (1)
BAHRAIN (3)	HONG KONG (19)	QATAR
BANGLADESH (1)	HUNGARY	ROMANIA
BARBADOS (1)	ICELAND	RWANDA
BELGIUM (1)	INDIA	SAN MARINO (1)
BELIZE (4)	INDONESIA	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
BENIN	IRAN (1)	SAUDI ARABIA (28)
BERMUDA (5)	IRELAND (1)	SENEGAL
BHUTAN	ISRAEL	SEYCHELLES (1)
BOLIVIA (6)	ITALY	SIERRA LEONE (1)
BOTSWANA (7)	IVORY COAST (1)	SLOVAKIA (1)
BRAZIL	JAMAICA	SLOVENIA (1)
BRUNEI (8)	JAPAN	SOUTH AFRICA
BULGARIA	JERSEY (CHANNEL ISLANDS) (1)	SPAIN
BURKINA FASO	JORDAN (1)	SRI LANKA (29)
CAMEROON	KAMPUCHEA	SUDAN (1)
CANADA (9)	KENYA (18)	SURINAME
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	KOREA	SWAZILAND
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KUWAIT (20)	SWEDEN (1)
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	LAOS (21)	SWITZERLAND (1)
CHAD	LATVIA (1)	SYRIA
CHILE	LEBANON (22)	TAIWAN
C.I.S (10)	LESOTHO (12)	TANZANIA
COLOMBIA	LIBERIA	THAILAND
COMOROS	LIBYA (1)	TOGO (1)
CONGO	LIECHTENSTEIN (1)	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO (18)
COOK ISLANDS (11)	LITHUANIA (1)	TUNISIA (18)
COSTA RICA (1)	LUXEMBOURG (1)	TURKEY (1)
COTE D'IVOIRE	MACAO	UGANDA (18)
CROATIA (1)	MACEDONIA (1)	UKRAINE
CUBA (12)	MADAGASCAR (1)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
CURACAO	MALAWI (1)	UNITED KINGDOM (1)
CYPRUS (1)	MALAYSIA (1)	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CZECH REP (1)	MALI (1)	UPPER VOLTA
DENMARK (1)	MALTA (1)	URUGUAY (18)
DJIBOUTI (1)	MAURITANIA (12)	VENEZUELA (1)
DOMINICA (13)	MAURITUS (23)	VIETNAM
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1)	MEXICO	WESTERN SAMOA (30)
EQUADOR (2)	MONACO (1)	WINWARD ISLANDS (1)
EGYPT	MONTSERAT (24)	YEMEN REPUBLIC (2)
EL SAVADOR (14)	MOROCCO (2)	YUGOSLAVIA (1)
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	MOZAMBIQUE (1)	ZAMBIA (1)
ESTONIA (1)	MYANMAR (25)	ZIMBABWE
ETHIOPIA (15)	NAMIBIA	
FIJI	NEPAL (26)	
FINLAND (16)	NETHERLANDS (1)	
FRANCE (1)	NEW CALEDONIA (1)	
FRENCH POLYNESIA (1)	NEW ZEALAND	
GABON (1)	NICARAGUA (27)	
GAMBIA (5)	NIGER (1)	
GERMANY (17)		

## FOOTNOTES

1. IDP recommended.
2. Singapore driving licence valid for only 3 months. IDP recommended.
3. IDP valid for 1 year. Further endorsement required by Traffic & Licensing Directorate OR Bahraini car rental company on arrival.
4. Singapore driving licence valid for only 3 months. IDP recommended. IDP valid for only 3 months.
5. Visitors are not allowed to drive in this country.
6. IDP required for car rental. IDP valid for only 3 months. Must be stamped by Servicio Nacional de Transito after 3 months.
7. IDP required for car rental.
8. Singapore driving licence accepted for a tourist visit. IDP required for car rental.
9. Singapore driving licence valid for 3 to 6 months. IDP required for car rental. IDP valid for 3 months to 1 year (depends on requirements for different states).
10. IDP required for Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) - Republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.
11. Cooks Island driving licence issued upon presentation of Singapore driving licence and payment of small fee to Police Department.
12. Singapore driving licence valid for 6 months. IDP recommended.
13. IDP required. Visitors must obtain a local driving licence on arrival, on presentation of Singapore driving licence and IDP. A fee is payable.
14. Singapore driving licence valid for only 60 days. For stays exceeding 60 days, a local licence must be obtained. IDP recommended.
15. IDP not recognised. Singapore driving licence can be exchanged for Ethiopian licence.
16. IDP recommended. Official translation into Finnish or Swedish also required.
17. IDP recommended. German translation required.
18. Singapore driving licence valid for only 90 days. IDP recommended.
19. Singapore driving licence valid for only 12 months. IDP recommended.
20. Singapore driving licences may be exchanged for a local temporary licence if the visitor is sponsored by a local resident. Otherwise, IDP required for car hire.
21. IDP recommended. Official Laos translation required.
22. Singapore driving licence for private vehicles recognised if validated by the Automobile Service Of the Ministry Of Interior, Beirut (usually for 6 months, but may be extended). Otherwise, IDP required for car rental.
23. Temporary permit will be issued on presentation of Singapore driving licence. IDP recommended.
24. Visitors must obtain local driving licence on presentation of valid Singapore driving licence and on payment of EC \$30. This licence will be valid for duration of visit.
25. Singapore driving licence or IDP should be presented to police authorities in Rangoon who will issue a visitor's driving licence.
26. IDP valid for only 15 days.
27. Singapore driving licence valid for only 30 days.
28. Women not allowed to drive.
29. IDP recommended. Accompanied by temporary driving licence issued by Sri Lanka.
30. Singapore driving licence must be presented to Police Traffic Section & local driving licence obtained (maximum stay of 3 weeks). IDP recognised after endorsement of Police Traffic Section (valid for 90 days).

The above guidelines are accurate at the time of publication. It is advised that potential applicants first check with AA Singapore or the respective embassies or consulate offices for driving licence requirements before applying for a permit.

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For more information on procedures, please contact our Customer Service Department at the AA Centre Head Office at tel no : 831 2100 or the Kaki Bukit Branch Office at tel no : 845 9300. You can also visit our website at <http://www.aas.com.sg>

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