

International Driving Permits FAQs

Q: How much does the IDP cost?

A: \$30.00 Canadian

Q: How old do I have to be to obtain an IDP?

A: You must be at least 18 years of age.

Q: Can I obtain an IDP with any Canadian Provincial or Territorial drivers license?

A: Yes

Q: Can I obtain a Canadian IDP with another National driver's license?

A: No.

Q: Do I have to be a member of CAA to obtain an IDP?

A: No

Q: Which address do I use on the IDP application form?

A: The address that is shown on your Canadian driver's license

Q: Where can I obtain an IDP?

A: At any of the 144 CAA offices or stores across Canada, or by mail to any of those offices or stores.

Q: What do I do if I no longer live at that address or I'm presently out of the country?

A: You must obtain the appropriate form from a CAA store or website and sending the form along with the relevant information and photographs (see below for details) to a CAA store. Please highlight where you are sending from by adding a note to your application along with your return address clearly indicated.

Q: What if I am stopped by police in another country and do not produce an IDP along with my driver's license?

A: Penalties can vary from a fine to a citation.

Q: Question 11 on the CAA IDP application form asks, "state vehicle for which IDP is required"?

A: The type of vehicle you will be driving with the IDP for i.e., a car, truck, motorcycle, bus etc. etc.

Q: Question 12, Departure date from Canada?

A: Date you will be leaving Canada or date that you left Canada.

Q: I have been out of the country for over a year, can I get another IDP?

A: Yes, if you are still in possession of a valid Canadian driver's license.

Q: Can an IDP be mailed or returned to me by courier overseas.

A: Yes, you can download the form from any CAA club site.

Q: Will my area CAA club charge me for sending my IDP by courier or express mail?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I get an IDP for my husband, sister, mother, niece, etc.?

A: Yes, if you have a photocopy of their driver's license, 2 photos of them, the completed application form signed by them along with your Power of Attorney, a note, or a letter from them giving you permission to do this.

Q: Can I get an IDP with a G1 Ontario driver's license?

A: No.

Q: Can I obtain an IDP with my G2 Ontario license?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I obtain an IDP if I've lost or had my Canadian driver's license stolen?

A: Only after you have obtained written proof from the Ministry of Transportation in the Province or Territory where you are licensed that you still have a valid driver's license.

Q: Can I get an IDP issued with my temporary or Interim driver's license while I'm waiting for my computer generated one to arrive by mail?

A: Yes.

Photographs:

Q: Do the photographs have to be in color or can they be in black and white?

A: Both are acceptable.

Q: Do both photographs have to be the same photograph?

A: Yes, they do. They must be full face front view, passport size, identical, and of recent date, i.e., within the last 2 years.

Q: Can we use computer generated photographs?

A: Computer generated scanned images are not allowed.

Q: Whose signature must be signed on the Photographs?

A: The IDP applicant must sign the photographs on either the front or the back of the photographs.

Q: Can I pay for my IDP by credit card if I am applying by mail?

A: Yes, there is a spot right at the bottom of the application form to list your credit card number, expiry date and signature.