## OTA

# SPECIAL STUDY ON THE RECOGNITION OF VISITORS' DRIVING LICENCES

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The main body of this Study shows which foreign national driving licences or permits and International Driving Permits are recognised for visitors (i.e. non residents) driving the following categories of vehicles in the country visited:

- 📥 A private vehicle registered abroad, temporarily imported into the country visited;
- A private vehicle registered in the country visited, hired or borrowed by the visitor (in respect of hired vehicles, the rental companies may well require drivers to have reached 21 or 25 years of age, even though the legal minimum age to drive in the country concerned is lower);
- Language A commercial vehicle registered abroad, temporarily imported into the country visited.

Unless otherwise shown, driving licences are recognised for all three categories (provided, of course, that they are valid and they were issued for the category of vehicle in question).

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## 3. STATES WHERE THE 1949 INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT IS ACCEPTED

The 1949 International Driving Permits are valid for one year from their date of issue. However, the state in which the visitor is driving may limit the period during which an International Driving Permit is recognised for <u>each</u> visit to that state (if so this is indicated in the main body of this Study). In any case, the length of the visitor's stay is determined by the validity of his visa or authorised length of stay as a visitor.

A	Afghanistan	E	Ecuador
	Albania		Egypt
101	Algeria		El Salvador
	Andorra		Equatoriai Guinea
	Anguilla (1)		Estonia
	Angola	F	Fiji
	Antigua		Finland
	Argentina	/ UU	France and French Overseas Depts.
	Armenia	4	French Polynesia
11.53	Aruba	G	Gabon
	Australia		Gambia (1)
	Austria		Georgia
В	Bahamas		Germany
-	Bahrain (1, 2)		Ghana
-	Bangladesh		Gibraltar
	Barbados (1)		Greece
	Beiarus		Guatemala
	Belgium		Guernsey
	Belize		Guinea
_	Benin		Guinea-Bissau
	Bhutan	Н	Haiti
	Bolivia (1, 2)	-	Honduras
	Bosnia & Herzegovina		Hong Kong
	Botswana		Hungary
	Brunei		iceland
- 0.5	Bulgaria		india
	Burkina Faso		Indonesia
C	Cambodia		Iran
	Cameroon		Ireland
-	Canada (1, 2)		Israei
	Cape Verde islands		italy
	Cayman Islands	J	Jamaica (2)
	Central African Rep.		Japan
	Chad		Jersey
	Chile		Jordan
-	Colombia	K	Kazakhstan
-	Comoros		Kenya
-	Congo	-	Kiribati (1)
-	Congo Dem. Rep.		Korea (Rep.)
	Costa Rica		Kuwait (1)
-	Cote d'Ivoire		Kyrgyzstan
-	Croatia	L	Laos
	Cuba	STATE	Latvia
	Curacao	-	Lebanon
			Lesotho (1)
-	Cyprus Czech Republic		
n	Denmark		Liberia
D			Libya
-	Djibouti		Lichtenstein
	Dominican Republic		Lithuania Luxembourg



(1) Certain conditions or time restrictions apply (please see main body of this Study for details)



(2) For private vehicles only

#### 1949 IDP

M	Macao		Sao Tome and Principe
	Macedonia (FYROM)		Saudi Arabia
111	Madagascar		Senegal
	Malawi		Serbia
	Maiaysia		Seychelies
	Mali		Sierra Leone
	Malta		Singapore (1)
	Mauritania		Slovakia
i s	Mauritius	1	Slovenia (3)
	Mexico		South Africa
	Monaco		Spain
i m	Montenegro	1	Sri Lanka
	Morocco	1.50	St Kitts and Nevis
	Mozambique		Sudan
	Myanmar (1)		Suriname
N	Namibia		Swazliand
	Nepal (1)		Sweden
	Netherlands	1	Switzerland
	New Caledonia		Syria
	New Zealand	T	Taiwan
	Nicaragua (1,2)		Tanzania
	Niger	:	Thalland
	Nigeria		Togo
	Norway		Trinidad and Tobago (1)
0	Oman		Tunisia
Р	Pakistan		Turkey
	Panama	U	Uganda
	Papua New Guinea		Ukraine
	Paraguay		United Arab Emirates
	Peru		United Kingdom
	Philippines (1)	:	United States of America
m	Poland		Uruguay
	Portugai (inc Madeira and the Azores) (1)	V	Vatican City
Q	Qatar (1)		Venezuela
R	Romania (1)	W	Windward Islands
	Russia	Z	Zambia
	Rwanda		Zimbabwe
S	Samoa (1,2)		
	San Marino		

- (1) Certain conditions or time restrictions apply (please see main body of this Study for details)
- 4 (2) For private vehicles only
- (3) Only if country of residence does not issue 1968 IDPs

## 4. STATES WHERE THE 1968 INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT IS ACCEPTED

The 1968 International Driving Permits are valid for three years after their date of issue or until the date of expiry of the domestic driving permit, whichever is earlier. However, the state in which the visitor is driving may limit the period during which an International Driving Permit is recognised for <u>each</u> visit to that state (if so, this is indicated in the main body of this Study). In any case, the length of the visitor's stay is determined by the validity of his visa or authorised length of stay as a visitor.

**Important note:** the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic has been amended. The main point concerning the 1968 IDP is that – in an attempt to counter the problems caused by the fraudulent issue of IDPs on the internet - it will be recognised only if presented together with the corresponding national driving permit on the basis of which it was issued. The new measures are applicable since 29 March 2011. For a complete copy of the 1968 Convention, consolidated 2006 version, please see

http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/Conv road traffic EN.pdf

A	Albania	F	Finland
	Algeria		France and French Overseas Depts.
	Andorra	niled	French Polynesia
	Anguilla (1)	G	Gabon
	Armenia		Gambia (1)
	Aruba	T	Georgia
	Australia	· · · .	Germany
	Austria		Ghana
	Azerbaijan		Greece
В	Bahrain (1)		Guinea
	Belarus		Guinea-Bissau
	Beigium		Guyana
•	Benin	H	Honduras
	Bhutan		Hungary
	Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	iceland
: 1	Botswana	Tuhi	India
	Brazii		Indonesia
	Buigaria		Iran
C	Cameroon		israel
	Canada (1, 2)		Italy
	Central African Rep.	J	Jersey
	Chad		Jordan
	Chile	K	Kazakhstan
	Congo		Kenya
	Congo Dem. Rep.		Kiribati (1)
	Cote d'ivoire	100	Korea (Rep)
	Croatia		Kuwait
	Cuba		Kyrgyzstan
	Czech Republic	L	Laos
D	Denmark	3118	Latvia
	Djibouti	5 =	Lebanon
	Dominican Republic		Lesotho (1)
E	Ecuador		Liberia
	Egypt		Liechtenstein
	El Salvador		Lithuania
	Estonia		Luxembourg



**Except Northwest Territories** 

not recognised formally but recognised in practice

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M	Macedonia (FYROM)	S	San Marino
n 1991	Madagascar	100	Saudi Arabia
	Maii		Senegai
	Mauritania		Serbia
	Mexico		Seychelies
	Moldova		Sierra Leone
	Monaco	184	Singapore
	Mongolia	-0	Slovakia
	Montenegro		Slovenia
	Morocco		South Africa
y III	Mozambique		Spain
	Myanmar		Sri Lanka
N	Namibia	niva:	Sudan
	Netherlands		Sweden
	New Caiedonia		Switzerland
	New Zealand	T	Syria
	Nicaragua (1, 2)	9	Tajikistan
	Niger		Tanzania
	Norway		Togo
0	Oman		Trinidad and Tobago (1)
P	Pakistan	H(dis	Tunisia
U.,	Panama	U	Turkmenistan
	Paraguay		Ukraine
OHEST	Peru		United Arab Emirates
- 118	Philippines (1)		Uruguay
	Poland	٧	Uzbekistan
	Portugal (inc Madeira and the Azores) (1)		
Q	Qatar	Y	Vatican City
R	Romania	Z	Yemen
	Russia		Zimbabwe

🖶 (1) Certain conditions or time restrictions apply (please see main body of this Study for details)

### 5. ANNEX 9 OF THE CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC (GENEVA, 1949) SHOWING NATIONAL DRIVING LICENCE MODEL

#### Annex 9

#### **MODEL DRIVING PERMIT - DIMENSIONS: 74X105 mm**

- 1. The permit will be drawn up in the language(s) prescribed by the legislation of the State.
- 2. The title of document "Driving Permit" will be written in the language(s) prescribed in 1. above and will be followed by the translation in French "Permis de conduire".
- 3. The inscriptions should be written (or at least repeated) in Latin characters or in socalled English script.
- 4. The additional remarks if any, by the competent authorities of the issuing country will not apply to international traffic.
- 5. The distinguishing sign as defined in annex 4 shall be inscribed in the oval.

The Convention on Road Traffic (Geneva1949) is available as a PDF scan from the following address:

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/conventn/Convention on Road Traffic of 1949.pdf

## 6. ANNEX 6 OF THE CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC (VIENNA, 1968) SHOWING NATIONAL DRIVING LICENCE MODEL

#### Annex 6

#### **DOMESTIC DRIVING PERMIT**

- 1. The domestic driving permit shall consist either of a sheet in format A 7 (74x105mm-2.91x4.13 inches), or of a double (148x105mm-5.82x4.13 inches) or triple (222x105 mm-8.78x4.13 inches) sheet which can be folded to that format. The colour shall be pink.
- 2. The permit shall be printed in the language or languages prescribed by the authority issuing it or empowered to issue it; it shall, however, bear the title "permis de conduire" in French, with or without the same title in other languages.
- 3. Handwritten or typed entries made on the permit shall either be in Latin characters or English cursive script only, or be repeated in that form.
- 4. Two of the pages of the permit shall conform to model pages Nos. 1 and 2 below. Provided that no changes are made in the definitions of categories A, B, C, D and E, taking into account article 41, paragraph 4, of this Convention, or in their reference letters, or in the substance of the items relating to the identity of the holder of the permit, this provision shall be deemed to be satisfied even if departures are made from these models in matters of details. In particular, domestic driving permits conforming to the model in Annex 9 to the Convention on Road Traffic done at Geneva on 19 September 1949 shall be considered as satisfying the provisions of this Annex.
- 5. It shall be a matter of domestic legislation to determine whether model page No. 3 shall or shall not be included in the permit and whether the permit shall contain further entries; if a space is provided to indicate changes of address, it shall, except on permits conforming to the model in Annex 9 to the 1949 Convention, be at the top of the reverse side of page 3 of the permit.

The consolidated version of the 1968 Convention which is applicable from 29 March 2011, shows models for a domestic or national driving permit (another pink permit, described in Annex 6) and an International Driving Permit (described in Annex 7) with pictograms to represent the categories of vehicles.

There are important extensions in the recognition of driving permits, dealt with essentially in Article 41,2 which states:

"Contracting Parties shall recognise:

- a) Any domestic permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 6 to this Convention;
   Any international permit conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 to this Convention on condition that it is presented with the corresponding domestic driving permit as valid for driving in their territories a vehicle coming within the categories covered by the permits, provided that the permits are still valid and that they were issued by another Contracting Party or sub-division thereof or by an association duly empowered thereto by such other Contracting Party or one of its sub-divisions.
- b) Driving permits issued by a Contracting Party shall be recognized in the territory of another Contracting Party until this territory becomes the place of normal residence of their holder
- c) The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to learner-driver permits."

The Convention on Road Traffic (Vienna 1968) 2006 consolidated version is available online at this address <a href="http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/Conv">http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/Conv</a> road traffic EN.pdf

## 7. VISITORS' DRIVING LICENCES REGOGNISED IN THE COUNTRY VISITED, AND MINIMUM AGE REQUIRED FOR VISITORS

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
AFGHANISTAN	International Driving Permit (1949)
ALBANIA	All national driving licences International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention
ALGERIA	National driving licences accompanied by a French translation certified by an Algerian Consulate or Embassy  International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968)
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
ANDORRA	(Visitors may ride mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or drive private cars in Andorra if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Visitors riding a moped do not need to hold a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Andorra or hired or borrowed in that country.)
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention National driving licences issued in:
ANGOLA	Botswana Lesotho Malawi Mozambique Namibia  South Africa Swaziland Zambia Zimbabwe Namibia
	International Driving Permit (1949 recommended)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
ANGUILLA	Visitors must present their national driving licence to the Inland Revenue and apply for a temporary driving permit, valid for up to 6 months. Permits are also available from most car hire agencies. A 20 USD fee applies.
ANTIGUA	Visitors must obtain a local driving permit at a car hire agency upon presentation of their national driving licence. The local permit is valid for 3 months. Approximate fees of 20 USD apply.
ARGENTINA	National driving licences issued in Chile and Uruguay International Driving Permit (1943, 1949) recommended
ARMENIA	International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
ARUBA	<ul> <li>National driving licences</li> <li>International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> </ul>

	ing licences accepted
accompanied by certified to  International Driving Permit  (Visitors may ride mopeds or ne	rawn up in English. If not, then must be translation or IDP.  It (1949, 1968) Intotorcycles of any stee cars in the various states of Australia and minimum ages:    moped/motorcycle/car

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention
	♣ Driving licences of the European Communities model
	National driving licences issued in countries of the European Economic Area. If the driving licence does not bear the photograph of the holder, it must be accompanied by an identity document with photograph
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968) even if issued in a country not party to any of these Conventions
AUSTRIA	(Visitors riding mopeds and motorcycles up to 50 cc and with a maximum design speed of 40 km/h must be at least 16 years of age and must have a document proving their vehicle does not exceed these maxima. They need not hold a driving licence, but if they do not hold one or if it does not bear a photograph they must always carry an identity document with a recent photo.
	➡ Visitors riding motorcycles up to 50 cc and with a design speed exceeding 40 km/h must be at least 18 years of age and must carry an identity document as evidence of their age. They need not hold a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence.
	◆ Visitors riding motorcycles exceeding 50 cc or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age.
	These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Austria or hired or borrowed in that country.)
AZERBAIJAN	All national driving licences in English, otherwise must be accompanied by a certified translation into Azerbaijani
	International Driving Permit (1968)
AZORES	see <u>PORTUGAL</u>
	All national driving licences for up to three months
BAHAMAS	International Driving Permit (1949)
	National driving licences issued in Arab Gulf Co-operation Council States (Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, U.A.E.)
BAHRAIN	International Driving Permit (1949, 1968) for private vehicles provided it is endorsed by the Traffic and Licensing Directorate or a Bahraini car rental company on arrival (for 12 months)
	It is possible to obtain a local driving licence on presentation of a European or American driving licence and on payment of a fee

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted		
BANGLADESH	National driving licences issued in Commonwealth countries International Driving Permit (1949)		
	All national driving licences		
BARBADOS	International Driving Permit (1949)  NB: a fee of BDS\$ 10 must be paid on arrival to obtain a visitor's permit on presentation of a valid national driving licence or IDP		
BELARUS	■ National driving licences with photo of holder  International Driving Permit (1949, 1968) recommended		
BELGIUM	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or model in Annex 6 of the 1968 Convention  National driving licences issued in countries of the European Union  National driving permits issued in the following countries are recognised since they almost conform to the model in Annex 9 of the 1949 Convention and the model in Annex 6 of the 1968 Convention, or because of a bilateral agreement with Belgium:  Botswana Lebanon San Marino Brazil Lesotho Switzerland China Malawi Syria Ethiopia Malaysia Taiwan Iran Mauritius Turkey Israel Morocco UAE Japan Nepal USA Korea South Singapore  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  Driving Permits issued by NATO countries and by SHAPE to staff members  (Visitors riding mopeds must be at least 16 years of age. Visitors riding motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at		
BELIZE (former British Honduras)	least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Belgium or hired or borrowed in that country.)  National driving licences are not accepted, but visitors can obtain a temporary (3-month) Belizean driving licence from the Department of Transport.  International Driving Permit (1949)		
<b>BENIN</b> (former Dahomey)	National driving licence issued in 1968 Convention countries or conforming with model in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention  International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)		

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
	No national driving licences or International Driving Permits recognised
BERMUDA	(Visitors are not allowed to drive a motorcycle or a car, but if they are over 16 years of age, they can hire a moped (up to 50 cc) without any licence or examination.)
BHUTAN	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
	International Driving Permits (1943, 1949) for private vehicles (after 3 months IDP must be stamped by the "Servicio Nacional de Transito")
BOLIVIA	International Driving Permit required for car hire
	National driving licences are not accepted, but visitors can obtain a temporary (3-month) Bolivian driving licence from the Segelic.
BOSNIA-	All national driving licences for 6 months
HERZEGOVINA	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)
	All national driving licences for 90 days
BOTSWANA	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
	International Driving Permit required for car hire
	National driving licences issued in 1968 Convention countries are accepted for a maximum period of 180 days from the date of arrival.
	National driving licences issued in countries that are not party to the 1968 Convention but have bilateral agreements with Brazil: Angola, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Libya, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Sao Tomé e Príncipe, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela. Same period as above.
BRAZIL	In both cases, it is strongly recommended to carry either an official translation of the driving licence into Portuguese or an IDP that includes the pictogram page in Portuguese. Even if this is no longer a requirement according to Brazilian law, some drivers have reported problems with the police due to this.
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1968) accepted in principle. In practice, motorists have reported problems with the police regarding acceptance of these documents
	(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Brazil or hired or borrowed in that country.)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
BRITISH GUIANA	see <u>GUYANA</u>
BRUNEI	National driving licences accepted for a tourist visit (for up to three months)  International Driving Permits for up to three months  International Driving Permit required for car hire
BULGARIA	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention. Driving licences of the EU model are also recognised. If the national driving licence does not have the photo of the holder, an IDP is required  International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)  (Visitors riding mopeds up to 50 cc must be at least 16 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding a motorcycle or driving a private car must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Bulgaria or borrowed in that country.)
BURKINA FASO (formerly Upper Volta)	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in 1926 or 1949 Convention countries; if the licence is not in French there are some local formalities to be completed</li> <li>International Driving Permits (1926, 1949) recommended</li> </ul>
BURMA	see MYANMAR
BURUNDI	All national driving licences  International Driving Permit (1926)
CAMBODIA	<ul> <li>♣ Valid national driving licences</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permit (1949)</li> </ul>
CAMEROON	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in 1949 or 1968 Convention countries or conforming with the models in these Conventions or drawn up in English or French are valid for three months</li> <li>International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> </ul>

Country Visited	Visitors' d	riving licences :	accepted
	♣ Visitors driving private vehicles:		
		national driving licence	International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
	→ Alberta	3 months	1 year*
	→ British Columbia	6 months	1 year*
	→ Manitoba	3 months	3 months
	New Brunswick Newfoundland	6 months	6 months
	and Labrador  → Northwest	3 months	3 months
	Territories	3 months	3 months***
	Nova Scotia	90 days	90 days
	Ontario	3 months	1 year*
CANADA	→ Prince Edward		
OANADA	Island	4 months	4 months
	◆ Quebec     ◆ Saskatchewan	6 months	6 months
	→ Saskatchewan  → Yukon	90 days** 120 days	90 days 30 days
	International Driving Period (Visitors riding motorcycles or years of age. They must hold not required in their country or must be at least 16 years of a 18 in Manitoba. These conditions temporarily imported into Cart	f any cylinder cap I a driving licence I residence. Visi Ige, increased to Iions apply to visi	pacity must be at least 10 e even if such a licence i tors driving private cars 17 in Newfoundland and itors driving vehicles
CAPE VERDE	All national driving licence		
	International Driving Pen		***************************************
CAYMAN ISLANDS	♣ Visitors must obtain a tell or car rental agency, graticence. A 25 KYD (about the content of the content	nted upon preser	ntation of a valid foreign
CEYLON	see SRI LANKA		
CHAD	National driving licences Convention or conforming Convention or accompan	g with model in A ied by an official	nnex 6 of 1968
	International Driving Per	mit (1949, 1968)	
CHANNEL ISLANDS	see <u>GUERNSEY</u> and <u>JERSE</u>	Y	

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted	
CHILE	All national driving licences to drive private cars (Cat. B). If they are not drawn up in Spanish, a certified translation or an IDP are required.  International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1949, 1968)  (The minimum age for any driver in Chile is 18 years. A visitor riding a moped or motorcycle of any cylinder capacity must hold a driving licence even if it is not required in his country of residence and be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Chile or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
CHINA (People's Rep.)	International Driving Permits are not recognised.  Visitors are not allowed to import a vehicle and drive without special permission. They can hire a car after obtaining a temporary Chinese driving licence from an MPS office (Public Security Dept.). The form has to be completed in Chinese. Foreigners who stay in China more than 3 months can apply for a Chinese licence in exchange for their national driving licence.	
CHINA	see also <u>TAIWAN</u>	
COLOMBIA	<ul> <li>♣ All national driving licences</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1949)</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permit required for car hire</li> <li>(Visitors may ride mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or drive private cars in Colombia if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Visitors riding a moped must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Colombia or hired or borrowed in that country.)</li> </ul>	
COMOROS	National driving licences issued in France International Driving Permit (1949)	
CONGO (Brazzaville)	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in 1949 or 1968 Convention countries and drawn up in French, English, Chinese, Russian or Spanish</li> <li>International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)</li> </ul>	
CONGO Dem. Rep. (Kinshasa)	National driving licences issued in France International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted	
COOK ISLANDS	None. But Cook Islands licence issued upon presentation to the Police Department of any national driving licence and payment of a small fee.	
COSTA RICA	All national driving licences for a maximum of 3 months International Driving Permits (1943, 1949)	
COTE D'IVOIRE (formerly Ivory Coast)	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)	
CROATIA	All national driving licences International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	
CUBA	All national driving licences (for 6 months)  International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968)  Some car rental agencies may require an IDP if the national driving licence is drawn up in a language other than English or Spanish.	
CURACAO (Netherlands Antilles)	All national driving licences  International Driving Permit (1949)	
CYPRUS	All national driving licences. National driving licences issued in EU countries are accepted for as long as they are valid. Licences issued outside the EU are valid for 6 months.  International Driving Permits (1949)	
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of the 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of the 1968 Convention or EU model, for 90 days maximum. National driving licences must have the photo of the holder.	
CZECH REP	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)  (Visitors riding mopeds must be at least 15 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles over 50 cc must be at least 17 years of age, and visitors driving private cars or lorries at least 18 years of age.)	

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted	
	National driving licences conforming with the model in Annex 9 of the 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention or with the European Communities model	
	National driving licences drawn up in Latin characters or accompanied by an official translation into Danish, English or French	
DENMARK	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)	
	(Visitors may ride mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity and drive private cars if they have reached the minimum age required to do so in their country of residence. Moped riders do not need a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Denmark or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
DJIBOUTI	All national driving licences	
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)	
DOMINICA	♣ Visitors must obtain a local driving licence on arrival, on presentation of their national driving licence or an International Driving Permit. A fee is payable (EC\$30 for one month, EC\$60 for three months).	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	All national driving licences for a maximum period of 90 days.  International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968)	
ECUADOR	All national driving licences for tourists only (for 90 days)  International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1949, 1968)	
EGYPT	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968) for a maximum period of 6 months.	
	All national driving licences. For stays exceeding 90 days, a local licence must be obtained	
	International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968)	
EL SALVADOR	(16- or 17- year olds must fulfil the special requirements needed to obtain a juvenile licence in El Salvador. Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into El Salvador or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	National driving licences issued in France	
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)	

Country Visited	ited Visitors' driving licences accepted	
ESTONIA	All national driving licences International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	
ETHIOPIA	National driving licences recognised on a reciprocal basis. Visitor's licence is exchanged for Ethiopian licence and returned on departure (a certified copy of the foreign driving licence is accepted by the Ethiopian authorities for this exchange).	
	International Driving Permit not recognised.	
FIJI	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in Commonwealth countries</li> <li>International Driving Permit (1949)</li> </ul>	
	National driving licences issued in 1949 and 1968 Convention countries for a maximum period of 12 months.	
	Driving licences issued in EU or EEA countries for as long as they are valid.	
FINLAND	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) for 12 months  (Visitors born before 1985 may ride mopeds of up to 1 kW with a maximum speed of 25 km/h. They do not need a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. A special licence is required for other mopeds and for light 4-wheel vehicles. In all other cases visitors must be at least 15 years of age to drive a moped. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Finland or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
FRANCE	♣ Driving licences of the European Communities model.  ♣ All other national driving licences. Those drawn up in languages other than French must be accompanied by an official translation.  ♣ International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  (Visitors may ride mopeds of up to 50 cc with a maximum speed of 45 km/h if they are at least 14 years of age. They do not need a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors may ride motorcycles between 50 and 80 cc and with a maximum speed of 75 km/h if they are at least 16 years of age, and motorcycles over 80 cc if they are at least 18 years of age. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into France or hired or borrowed in that country.  Visitors may, however, ride or drive the above vehicles at a lower age if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence if they hold an International Driving Permit. This does not apply to visitors driving vehicles hired in France.)	

Country Visited Visitors' driving licences accepted	
FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS (Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Reunion, St. Pierre and Miquelon)	All national driving licences International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
FRENCH POLYNESIA (French Overseas Territory)	National driving licences in English or French (otherwise French translation required)  International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
GABON	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in 1949 Convention countries and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity</li> <li>Driving licences of the European Communities model</li> <li>International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> </ul>
GAMBIA	All national driving licences (for 3 months) if presented to the authorities on arrival  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968) (for 3 months)
GEORGIA	All driving licences for a maximum of one year International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
GERMANY	National driving licences conforming with model in 1926 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention  Driving licences issued in countries of the European Union  Other national driving licences, if accompanied by a German translation  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  (Visitors may ride mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or drive private cars in Germany if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Moped riders do not need to hold a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Germany or hired or borrowed in that country.)
GHANA	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in 1949 and 1968 Convention countries</li> <li>However, International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968) recommended</li> </ul>

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted	
GIBRALTAR	National driving licences issued in countries of the European Union International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)	
GREAT BRITAIN	see <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>	
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention or with European Communities model	
	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	
GREECE	Note: Some car hire companies ask for an IDP	
	(Visitors may ride mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or drive private cars if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Moped riders do not need to hold a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Greece or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
GRENADA	see <u>WINDWARD ISLANDS</u>	
GUADELOUPE	see <u>FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS</u>	
GUAM (US)	National driving licence issued in an EU country accepted for 30 days.  National driving licence issued in following countries accepted for 30 days: Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea (Rep.), Marshall Islands.	
	Micronesia, New Zealand, Palau, Philippines, Taiwan, USA	
	♣ International Driving Permits     ♣ All national driving licences	
GUATEMALA	International Driving Permits (1943, 1949)	
GUERNSEY	All national driving licences	
(Channel Islands)	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)	
GUIANA	see <u>FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS</u> (French Guiana) and <u>SURINAME</u> (former Dutch Guiana)	
	National driving licences issued in French speaking countries	
GUINEA	Driving licences of the European Communities model	
	International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)	
GUINEA-BISSAU	All national driving licences if presented to the "Direction Générale des Transports Routiers" to obtain a temporary permit which must accompany the national driving licence	
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)	

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted	
GUYANA (former British Guiana)	Visitors must obtain a temporary driver's permit issued by the Licence Revenue Office or the Guyana Renevue Authority upon presentation of a valid foreign licence. Permits are valid for one month.	
HAITI	National driving licence issued in the United States of America	
	4 International Driving Permits (1943, 1949) recommended	
HONDURAS	All national driving licences	
	International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968)	
	All national driving licences for 12 months	
	International Driving Permits (1949) recommended	
HONG KONG	(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Hong Kong or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention	
	National driving licences of the European Communities model	
	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	
HUNGARY	(Visitors riding mopeds up to 50 cc and with a maximum design speed not exceeding 40 km/h (24 m.p.h.) must be at least 14 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Hungary or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention or with European Communities model	
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)	
ICELAND	(Visitors riding mopeds up to 50 cc must be at least 15 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles of 50 to 125 cc must be at least 17 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors riding cycles temporarily imported into Iceland or hired or borrowed in that country.	
	Visitors riding motorcycles over 125 cc or driving private cars must be at least 17 years of age when the vehicles are temporarily imported into lceland and at least 20 years of age when the vehicles are hired in that country.)	

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
INDIA	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)  (Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into India or hired or borrowed in that country.)
INDONESIA	<ul> <li>National driving licence issued in "ASEAN" countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam), Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand</li> <li>International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1949, 1968) recommended (to avoid language problems)</li> </ul>
IRAN	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)
IRAQ	Linternational Driving Permit (1926, 1943, 1949 and 1968)
IRELAND	All national driving licences for a maximum period of 12 months  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)
ISRAEL	National driving licences issued in countries which maintain diplomatic relations with Israel  International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) preferred and required by car hire firms  (Visitors must be at least 16 years of age to ride a moped, at least 17 years 6 months to drive a private car, and at least 18 years to ride a motorcycle of any cylinder capacity. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Israel or hired or borrowed in that country.)
ITALY (and VATICAN CITY)	<ul> <li>♣ National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or with model in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention</li> <li>♣ National driving licence issued in Switzerland</li> <li>♣ Driving licence of the European Communities model</li> <li>♣ Other national driving licences, if accompanied by an official translation into Italian</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> <li>(Visitors riding mopeds not exceeding 50 cc and with a maximum design speed not exceeding 40 km/h must be at least 14 years of age. They do not need a driving licence.</li> <li>Visitors riding motorcycles not exceeding 125 cc must be at least 16 years of age, increased to 18 years if they are carrying a passenger.</li> <li>Visitors riding motorcycles between 125 and 350 cc must be at least 18 years of age, and those riding motorcycles over 350 cc must be at least 21 years of age.</li> <li>Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age.</li> <li>The above conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Italy or hired or borrowed in that country.)</li> </ul>

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted	
IVORY COAST	see COTE D'IVOIRE	
JAMAICA	All national driving licences*  International Driving Permits * (1949)  * only for driving private vehicles; visitors wishing to drive commercial vehicles must obtain a "general" Jamaica driving licence  (Visitors wishing to ride a moped up to 50 cc must be at least 17 years of age. They must hold a licence to ride a moped even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence.  Visitors wishing to ride a motorcycle of any cylinder capacity or drive a private car must be at least 17 years of age.  The above conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Jamaica or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
JAPAN	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention; those issued in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Taiwan accepted if accompanied by translation from JAF, from Embassy or other official body  International Driving Permit (1949)  Otherwise, holders of valid national driving licences may apply to the Drivers' Licence Test Center for a Japanese driving licence. See conditions in OTA file on Japan  International Driving Permit (1949) required for car hire  (Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity must be at least 16 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Japan or hired or borrowed in that country.)	
JERSEY (Channel Islands)	All national driving licences, for a maximum period of 12 months  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968) recommended if national driving licence is not in Latin characters (e.g. Arabic)	
JORDAN	<ul> <li>All national driving licences, for a period of 90 days. An authorisation from the Jordanian authorities is required.</li> <li>International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)</li> <li>International Driving Permit required for car hire</li> <li>Note: Visitors are not allowed to drive a vehicle with normal Jordanian plates without a Jordanian driving licence</li> <li>(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity must be at least 16 years of age. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age.)</li> </ul>	

Country Visited	d Visitors' driving licences accepted	
KAZAKHSTAN	All national driving licences International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	
KENYA	<ul> <li>✓ Valid national driving licences issued in a Commonwealth country (for 90 days)</li> <li>✓ International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> <li>(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity must be at least 16 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Kenya or hired or borrowed in that country.)</li> </ul>	
KIRIBATI	International Driving Permits accepted for 14 days	
KOREA (Republic)	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	
KUWAIT	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in G.C.C. (Gulf Co-Operation Council) States (Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE)</li> <li>♣ All national driving licences may be exchanged for a local temporary licence if the visitor is sponsored by a local resident. Driving licences issued by the Israeli authorities are not accepted.</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permit required for car hire</li> <li>(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity must be at least 17 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Kuwait or hired or borrowed in that country.)</li> </ul>	
KYRGYZSTAN	All national driving licences  International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)	
LAOS (People's Dem. Rep.)	All national driving licences if drawn up in a UN official language, and preferably accompanied by a translation in Lao  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968) (1949 recommended)	
LATVIA	All national driving licences issued in an EU or an EFTA country  All national driving licences conforming with model in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention  All other national driving licences (for category B only); if the licence is not drawn up in Latin characters, a certified translation will be required.  International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	

Country Visited	y Visited Visitors' driving licences accepted	
LEBANON	All national driving licences for private vehicles, if validated by the Automobile Service of the Ministry of Interior, Beirut (usually for 6 months, but this may be extended). If driving licences are in language other than Arabic, French or English, a translation is required	
	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) recommended	
	All national driving licences (for 6 months)	
LESOTHO	International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968) recommended (for 6 months)	
	Note: the visitor must obtain a local driving licence before the period of 6 months expires	
LIBERIA	All national driving licences, after local formalities	
	♣ International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)	
LIBYA	All national driving licences, except those issued in Israel or South Africa	
	International Driving Permit (1949)	
LIECHTENSTEIN	All national driving licences	
LIECHTENSTEIN	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)	
LITHUANIA	All national driving licences; however, any licence which does not bear a photograph must be supplemented by an identity document with a photo, preferably a passport	
	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)	
	All national driving licences provided they are drawn up in Latin characters	
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)	
LUXEMBOURG	(Visitors may ride their own mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or drive private cars, registered abroad, if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Moped riders need not hold a licence to ride a foreign-registered moped if such a licence is not required in their country of residence.	
	Visitors riding mopeds registered in Luxembourg, hired or borrowed in that country, must be at least 16 years of age and require a licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence.	
	Visitors riding motorcycles over 50 cc or driving private cars, registered in Luxembourg, hired or borrowed in that country, must be at least 18 years of age.)	

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
MACAO	International Driving Permit (1949) for a maximum of 14 days. After that, drivers need to report to the Traffic Police in order to validate their national driving licences.
MACEDONIA (FYROM)	All national driving licences for a maximum period of six months  International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
MADAGASCAR	National driving licences issued in 1949 Convention countries  International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
MADEIRA	see <u>PORTUGAL</u>
MALAWI	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in:</li> <li>→ -Commonwealth countries, except Tanzania</li> <li>→ -European countries</li> <li>→ -U.S.A.</li> </ul> International Driving Permit (1949)
MALAYSIA	Peninsular Malaysia:  National driving licences issued in 1949 Convention countries or in 1968 Convention countries (for 180 days only)  National driving licences of the European Communities model  However, local licence generally required for commercial vehicles  International Driving Permits (1949)
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	National driving licences issued in 1949 Convention countries International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1949)
MALI	National driving licences issued in countries party to 1949 or 1968 Convention
	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
MALTA	All national driving licences, for private vehicles  National driving licences issued in 1949 Convention countries, for commercial vehicles
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
MARSHALL Islands (US)	National driving licences accepted for 30 days  IDP recommended
MARTINIQUE	see FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS
MAURITANIA	All national driving licences, for 6 months (renewable) International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
MAURITIUS	All national driving licences; in order to facilitate the checking of documents by police officers on the road, it is recommended that visitors report to the Traffic Branch, Line Barracks, Port Louis, where a temporary permit will be issued on presentation of their national driving licence. Drivers over the age of 60 must provide a medical certificate.
	International Driving Permits (1949)
MEXICO	<ul> <li>♣ All national driving licences for visitors driving a vehicle registered in their own country</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1949, 1968)</li> <li>(Visitors wishing to ride a moped up to 50 cc or a motorcycle up to 125 cc, temporarily imported into Mexico, must be at least 16 years of age. Moped riders do not need to hold a licence to ride a moped if such a licence is not required in their country of residence.</li> <li>Visitors wishing to ride a motorcycle of 125 cc or over or drive a private car must be at least 18 years of age if the vehicle is temporarily imported into Mexico or borrowed there. They must be at least 24 years of age to hire such a vehicle.)</li> </ul>
MOLDOVA	All national driving licences  International Driving Permits (1968)
MONACO	All national driving licences for a maximum period of one year  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  (Visitors may ride a temporarily imported moped up to 50 cc if they have reached 14 years of age. They do not need a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence, but if they wish to use a moped hired or borrowed in Monaco they will need an authorisation not only from the owner but also from the Traffic Service. Visitors may ride a motorcycle between 50 cc and 125 cc if they have reached 16 years of age and they must have reached 18 years of age to ride a motorcycle over 125 cc.  Visitors may drive a car temporarily imported into Monaco if they have reached 18 years of age. To drive a car borrowed in Monaco, registered in that country, they must be at least 18 years of age and have a written authorisation from the owner as well as an authorisation from the Traffic Service. If the vehicle is hired (registered in Monaco) they must be at least 25 years of age.)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
MONGOLIA	International Driving Permit (1968)
MONTENEGRO	All national driving licences for a period of 6 months.  International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968)
MONTSERRAT	Visitors must obtain a local driving licence on presentation of their valid national driving licence and on payment of EC\$50. This licence will be valid for the duration of their visit.
MOROCCO	All national driving licences (for a maximum period of 12 months)  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  A visitor does not need a driving licence to ride a moped if such a licence is not required in his country of residence.  A visitor may ride a moped or a motorcycle over 50 cc or drive a private car if he has reached the minimum age required in his country of residence.  These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Morocco or hired or borrowed in that country.)
MOZAMBIQUE	National driving licences issued in countries party to 1949 Convention or conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention (for one year)  National driving licences issued in the following countries:  Angola  Malawi  Botswana  Namibia  Zambia  Zambia  Lesotho  National driving licences and EC licences in English, French, Italian or Portuguese  International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968) recommended
MYANMAR (formerly Burma)	National driving licence or International Driving Permit (1949, 1968) should be presented to the police authorities in Rangoon, who will issue a visitor's driving licence

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
	National driving licences issued in:  Botswana South Africa Swaziland
	All national driving licences, if in English or accompanied by a translation or certificate of authenticity and containing the holder's photograph and signature
NAMIBIA	♣ Driving licences of the EU model
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention
	unternational Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968) recommended
	International Driving Permit required for car hire
NEPAL	International Driving Permit (1949) (for 15 days, after which a local licence must be obtained)
	National driving licences issued in 1949 Convention countries
	♣ Driving licences of the European Communities model
	National driving licences issued in Switzerland (for private vehicles only)
NETHERLANDS	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968ø)
NETTEREARDS	ø not recognised formally, but recognised in practice
	(Visitors riding mopeds must be at least 16 years of age. They need not hold a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into the Netherlands or hired or borrowed in that country.)
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	see <u>CURACAO</u>
NEW CALEDONIA (French Overseas	All national driving licences  If the setting I British Briti
Territory)	<ul> <li>♣ International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)</li> <li>♣ National driving licences written in English otherwise official</li> </ul>
	translation or IDP required
NEW ZEALAND	International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
	(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 15 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into New Zealand or hired in that country.)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
NICARAGUA	All national driving licences or International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968) for private vehicles registered abroad (for 30 days, after which a local licence must be obtained)
NIGER	All national driving licences International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)
NIGERIA	International Driving Permit (1926, 1949)
NORTHERN IRELAND	see <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>
NORWAY	All national driving licences  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  (Visitors riding mopeds registered in Norway must be at least 16 years of age. Visitors riding motorcycles over 50 cc or driving private cars registered in Norway must be at least 18 years of age. However, visitors under 18 years of age may drive foreign-registered private vehicles temporarily imported into Norway if they have reached the
OMAN	minimum age required in their country of residence.)  National driving licences issued in Arab Gulf Co-operation countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE), as well as all other national driving licences for persons with a visitor's visa, are recognized for a maximum period of 3 months.  International Driving Permit (1949, 1968) for a maximum period of 3
PAKISTAN	months.  National driving licences (recognised for 3 months) issued in:  Turkey  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  (Visitors riding a moped or a motorcycle of any cylinder capacity must be at least 18 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Pakistan or hired or borrowed in that country.)
PANAMA	All national driving licences for up to 90 days  International Driving Permits (1926, 1943, 1949, 1968)
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	All national driving licences for 90 days  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)
PARAGUAY	All national driving licences International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
PERU	All national driving licences for a maximum period of 6 months  International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968) for private and commercial vehicles  (Visitors riding mopeds must be at least 18 years of age. They need not hold a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Peru or hired or borrowed in that country.)
PHILIPPINES	National driving licences issued in 1949 and 1968 Convention countries (for 90 days). If the driving licence is not in English, it must be accompanied by a certified translation from the Embassy. International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) (for 90 days)
POLAND	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention (for six months) and those issued in EU countries (until their expiry date) International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) (for 12 months)  (Visitors must have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence for the type of vehicle they are driving. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Poland or hired or borrowed in that country.)
PORTUGAL (Including Madeira and the Azores)	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of 1968 Convention (for 3 months)  Driving licences of the European Communities model (for 3 months)  National driving licences (for 3 months) issued in:  Brazil  Switzerland  USA  International Driving Permits (1949, 1968), for 3 months  (Visitors may ride mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or drive private cars in Portugal if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Portugal or hired or borrowed in that country.)  NOTE: The minimum age to obtain a driving licence in Portugal is 18 years. Visiting drivers below the age of 18 may experience difficulties, even with a valid national driving licence.

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
PORTUGUESE GUINEA	see <u>GUINEA-BISSAU</u>
PUERTO RICO	National driving licences accepted for 120 days
QATAR	National driving licences issued in Arab Gulf Co-operation Council States (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE) to their citizens International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) for 15 days; local temporary driving licence issued by Licensing Authority on presentation of national driving licence
REUNION	see FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS
ROMANIA	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention, or accompanied by certified translation.  National driving licences are accepted on a reciprocal basis (for 90 days or, if a visa is required, for the period of validity of the visa)  Driving licences of the European Communities model  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968) (for 90 days or, if a visa is required, for the period of validity of the visa)  (Visitors may ride mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity, or drive private cars, in Romania if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving cars registered abroad temporarily imported into Romania, or registered in Romania, hired or borrowed in that country.)
RUSSIA	National driving licences accompanied by certified translation International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
RWANDA	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of 1949 Convention  International Driving Permit (1949)
SABAH	see MALAYSIA
ST. CHRISTOPHER (KITTS), NEVIS	Visitors must apply for a temporary local driving permit (24 USD for 3-months and 45 USD for one year) on presentation of their national driving licence. Permits are issued by the Traffic Department. Car hire agencies can assist with this.

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
ST. LUCIA	see WINDWARD ISLANDS
ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON	see FRENCH OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS
ST. VINCENT	see WINDWARD ISLANDS
SAMOA	<ul> <li>All national driving licences if presented to Police Traffic Section and local driving licence obtained (maximum stay of 3 weeks)</li> <li>International Driving Permits (1949) recognised after endorsement at Police Traffic Section (for 90 days)</li> </ul>
SAN MARINO	All national driving licences International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	International Driving Permit (1926, 1949 recommended)
SARAWAK	see MALAYSIA
SAUDI ARABIA	All national driving licences for one year  International Driving Permit (1949, 1968). IDPs issued in GCC countries are not valid for driving in Saudi Arabia.  N.B. Women are not allowed to drive
SENEGAL	
SERBIA	<ul> <li>♣ All national driving licences</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) recommended</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permit (1926) if issued in non-1949         Convention or non-1968 Convention countries</li> <li>(Visitors riding mopeds up to 50 cc or motorcycles up to 125 cc must be at least 16 years of age and hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles exceeding 125 cc or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Yugoslavia or hired or borrowed in that country.)</li> </ul>

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
SEYCHELLES	<ul> <li>♣ All national driving licences</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> </ul>
SINGAPORE	<ul> <li>National driving licences drawn up in English may be used up to one year by visitors with a "Social Visit Pass" i.e. on holiday in Singapore. If the driving licence is in another language, it must be accompanied by a translation from the embassy.</li> <li>International Driving Permit (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> </ul>
SLOVAKIA	<ul> <li>♣ All national driving licences</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)</li> </ul>
SLOVENIA	All EU driving licences  All national licences conforming with the model described in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention.  International Driving Permit (1968); however, 1949 IDP accepted if country of residence does not issue 1968 IDPs
SOMALIA	International Driving Permit (1926)
SOUTH AFRICA	All national driving licences, if in English or Afrikaans (or accompanied by a translation or certificate of authenticity) and containing the holder's photograph and signature
	National driving licences of the European Communities model International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968) recommended International Driving Permit required for car hire  (Visitors may ride a moped or a motorcycle of any cylinder capacity or drive a private car if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence and hold a valid driving licence for the vehicle in question. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into South Africa or hired or borrowed in that country.)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
	National driving licences drawn up in Spanish or accompanied by an official translation from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a Spanish consulate or the RACE
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 or Annex 10 of 1949 Convention or in Annex 6 of 1968 Convention, or with European Communities model
SPAIN	National driving licences conforming to Annex E of the 1926 Convention, for those countries that are not party to other conventions.
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)
	(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles up to 75 cc must be at least 16 years of age. They need not hold a driving licence for a moped if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles exceeding 75 cc or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Spain or hired or borrowed in that country.)
SRI LANKA (formerly Ceylon)	All national driving licences, if accompanied by a Temporary Driving Licence, obtainable from the Department of Motor Traffic (1 to 3 months, fee payable)
	Linternational Driving Permits (1949, 1968) accompanied by Recognition Permit issued by AA Ceylon - small fee payable
SUDAN	All national driving licences, if presented to the authorities on arrival International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
SURINAME (former Dutch Guiana)	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)
	National driving licences issued in:
SWAZILAND	→ Angola → Namibia → Botswana → South Africa → Lesotho → Zambia → Malawi → Zimbabwe → Mozambique
	All national driving licences, if in English or Afrikaans (or accompanied by a translation or certificate of authenticity) and containing the holder's photograph and signature
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
	National driving licences from any EU country, including Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein
	National driving licences conforming with model in Annex 9 of the 1949 Convention or Annex 6 of the 1968 Convention, if issued in English, French, German, Swedish, Danish or Norwegian. If issued in other languages, they will only be valid with an official translation into one of the languages above, or together with an IDP.
	N.B. If the national driving licence does not have the photo of the holder, it must be accompanied by an identity document with photo
SWEDEN	International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)
	International Driving Permit (1926) if issued in non-1949 and non-1968 Convention countries
	(Visitors riding mopeds must be at least 15 years of age. They need not hold a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence.  Visitors riding motorcycles exceeding 50 cc must have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age.  These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Sweden or hired or borrowed in that country.)
	All national driving licences
	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)
SWITZERLAND	(Visitors riding a moped up to 50 cc and with a maximum design speed not exceeding 30 km/h or a motorcycle up to 50 cc must be at least 16 years of age. They do not need a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence, but must hold an identity document with a photograph. As it is prohibited for visitors to hire or borrow mopeds and motorcycles up to 50 cc in Switzerland, these conditions apply only to visitors' temporarily imported cycles.
	Visitors riding motorcycles between 50 and 125 cc must be at least 16 years of age, and those riding motorcycles of 125 cc or more must be at least 20 years of age. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors riding motorcycles over 50 cc or driving private cars either temporarily imported into Switzerland or hired or borrowed in that country.)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
SYRIA	National driving licences issued in an Arab country International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)  (Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars must be at least 18 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Syria or hired or borrowed in that country.)
TAHITI	see <u>FRENCH POLYNESIA</u>
TAIWAN (Rep. of China)	International Driving Permit (1949)
TAJIKISTAN	♣ International Driving Permit (1968)
TANZANIA	<ul> <li>♣ National driving licences issued in Commonwealth countries</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968)</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permit required for car hire</li> <li>A visitor must present his/her IDP to the Police authorities in order to have it validated.</li> </ul>
THAILAND	National driving licences issued in Laos. Malaysia or Singapore International Driving Permit (1949)
TIMOR	see INDONESIA
тодо	<ul> <li>♣ Driving licences issued in ECOWAS and in 1968 Convention countries.</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)</li> </ul>

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
TRINIDAD and TOBAGO	National driving licences issued in 1949 and 1968 Convention countries (90 days). Most other national driving licences, accompanied by an English translation where necessary, for 90 days; validity to be checked in advance with the Automobile Association. The visitor must have proof of date of arrival in the country, e.g. airline ticket, passport.  International Driving Permits (1926, 1949, 1968). An IDP must be presented to the Trinidad and Tobago Automobile Association for registration and notification to the Transport Division as soon as possible after arrival.
	(Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity must be at least 17 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors driving private cars must be at least 17 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Trinidad and Tobago or hired or borrowed in that country.)
TUNISIA	National driving licences with photo of the holder (for 3 months) International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) recommended  (Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles or driving other vehicles in Tunisia must have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Moped riders do not need a driving licence if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Tunisia or hired or borrowed in that country.)
TURKEY	National driving licences, preferably in English, French or German International Driving Permit (1949) International Driving Permit required to hire car if national driving licence is in Arabic characters or from Israel  (Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity, or driving private cars, registered abroad, temporarily imported into Turkey, must have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence. Visitors riding or driving a vehicle registered in Turkey must be at least 18 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence.)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
TURKMENISTAN	International Driving Permit (1968)
UGANDA	♣ All national driving licences (for 90 days)  ♣ International Driving Permits (1949)  (Visitors driving motor vehicles other than scooters or motorcycles must be at least 18 years of age.)
UKRAINE	<ul> <li>National driving licences issued in a country party to the 1968 Vienna Convention</li> <li>International Driving Permit (1949, 1968)</li> </ul>
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	National driving licences issued in Gulf Co- operation Council States (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia) International Driving Permits (1949, 1968)
UNITED KINGDOM (including the Isle of Man)	International Driving Permit (1949)      International Driving Permit (1926) only if issued in non-1949     Convention countries  (Visitors riding mopeds must be at least 16 years of age and must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. Visitors riding motorcycles over 50 cc or driving private cars must be at least 17 years of age. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into the United Kingdom or hired or borrowed in that country.)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	National driving licences issued in 1943 or 1949 Convention countries
	<ul> <li>♣ National driving licences issued in:</li> <li>♦ Germany</li> <li>♦ Switzerland</li> </ul>
	However, visitors are advised to carry an International Driving Permit (1943, 1949) or to attach an English translation to their national driving licence.
	The above licences are recognised when visitors are driving private vehicles only.
	International Driving Permit generally required for car hire
	(Minimum ages vary from State to State; for riding mopeds they range from 10 to 16 years and for riding motorcycles over 50 cc from 14 to 18 years. Although the minimum age to hold a regular driving licence for a car varies from 15 to 21 years, younger people may drive under certain conditions.)
UPPER VOLTA	see BURKINA FASO
URUGUAY	All national driving licences (for 90 days) if presented to the authorities
	International Driving Permits (1943, 1949, 1968)
UZBEKISTAN	International Driving Permit (1968)
VATICAN CITY	see <u>ITALY</u>
VENEZUELA	All national driving licences (for the period of the tourist visa)  International Driving Permits (1943, 1949)
VIETNAM	For residents only: Vietnamese driving licence must be obtained on arrival from Traffic Police Office on presentation of foreign licence. Visitors must hire a chauffeur.
VIRGIN Is. (US)	♣ Visitors must obtain local driving licence (valid 30 days) on presentation of their national driving licence
WEST MALAYSIA	see MALAYSIA
WINDWARD ISLANDS (Grenada, St.	All national driving licences if presented to main police stations and local driving licence obtained (fee charged)
Lucia and St. Vincent)	International Driving Permits (1926, 1949)

Country Visited	Visitors' driving licences accepted
YEMEN	All national driving licences if accompanied by local driving licence (for 3 months)
ZAIRE	International Driving Permits (1968)  See CONGO Kinshasa
ZAMBIA	National driving licences issued in countries party to the 1949 Convention
	<ul> <li>♣ National driving licences issued in Commonwealth countries</li> <li>♣ International Driving Permits (1926, 1949) recommended</li> </ul>
ZIMBABWE	National driving licences issued in 1949 and 1968 Convention countries recognised for the period of the visitor's stay, provided they contain the photograph and signature of the holder
	International Driving Permits (1949, 1968) recommended  (Visitors riding mopeds or motorcycles of any cylinder capacity or driving private cars, must be at least 16 years of age. They must hold a driving licence even if such a licence is not required in their country of residence. These conditions apply to visitors driving vehicles temporarily imported into Zimbabwe or hired or borrowed in that country.)