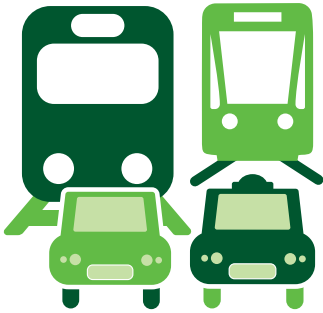




Transport



Public transport



Public transport can be the best way to get around in Australian cities without spending too much money.



Different cities have different types of public transport such as:

- buses



- trains



- trams



- ferries



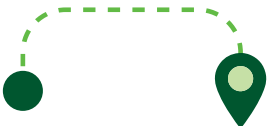
You need to have a ticket when you use public transport.



Some cities sell:

- tickets to use when you want to travel
- travel cards that you add credit to and swipe when you get on and off

Types of tickets

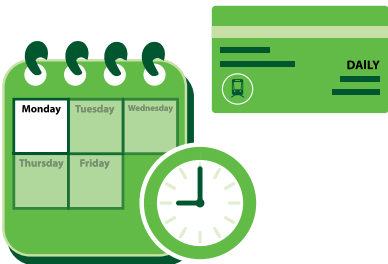


Single

For a one-way trip.

Return

You can travel to where you want to go then come home again later.



Daily

You can travel anywhere you need to go on the day you get your ticket.

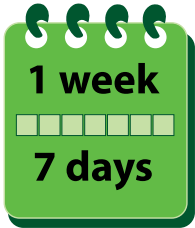
9:00am – 3:00pm



Off-peak

Most states and territories let you travel at a lower price:

- between 9am and 3pm
- after 7pm Monday to Friday
- on weekends and public holidays



Weekly

You can travel anywhere you need to go for 7 days from the date you buy the ticket.



Monthly

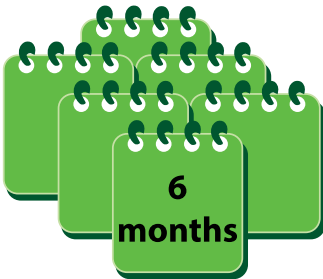
Some cities let you buy tickets that last longer so you can save money.

They might sell tickets that last for:

- 1 month
- 3 months



- 6 months



- 12 months



Private transport

Owning and driving a car



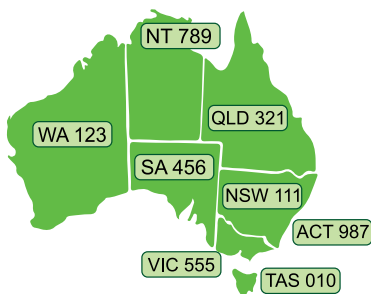
You might want to buy your own car if you do not have good access to public transport.



Owning a car is helpful and easy but it can cost a lot of money.



When you own and drive a car in Australia there are lots of things you need to think about.



Your car must be:

- registered through the road authority in your state or territory

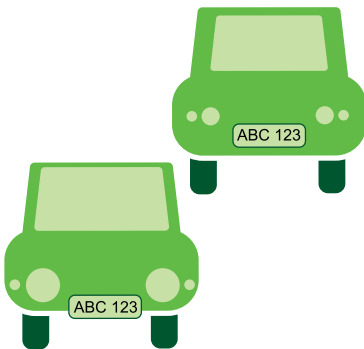


- insured with an insurance company

Car registration



You must register your car every year so you can drive it on the roads.



Your registration is shown on your number plate at the front and back of your car.



It is against the law to drive a car that is not registered.



Police cars have scanners that can check if your car is registered.

Insurance



Every car registered in Australia must have Compulsory Third Party insurance.



You need Compulsory Third Party insurance in case you have a car accident and someone is hurt.



Other types of insurance help you pay for any damage that is done if you have a car accident.



Depending on the insurance you have, it could pay for damage to:

- your car
- someone else's car
- property belonging to other people

Getting a driver's licence



To drive in Australia you must have an Australian driver's licence.

You still need an Australian licence even if you have a licence from your home country.



You will need to do a:

- road rules test
- driving test



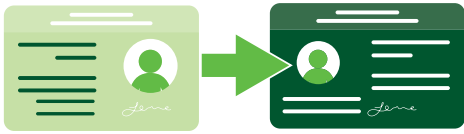
You may also need to do some extra driving training.



You should contact the road authority in your state or territory for more information.



Ask your caseworker or proposer to help you.



You may also need to have your driver's licence from your home country translated into English.

You can apply online to get your documents translated by going to <https://translating.dss.gov.au>

It will not cost you any money.

How do I get an Australian driver's licence?



Australian driver's licences are looked after by the road authority in each state or territory.

Laws, rules and restrictions are different in each state.



Contact your caseworker or proposer when you are ready to start learning how to drive.



You will start driving with a learner's permit.

You can only drive with a licenced driver or instructor in the car with you.



You will get a provisional licence when you pass your tests.

Then you will be able to drive by yourself.



After a couple of years you will get your full driver's licence.

There are different rules for each type of licence.

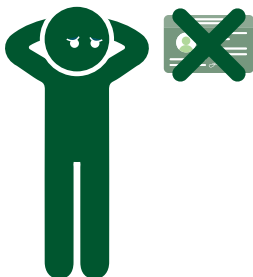
Important things to remember about driving



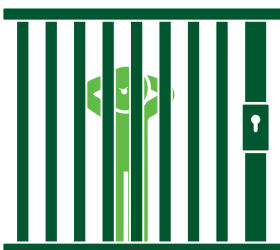
Penalties apply if you break the law.

This might include:

- a fine – charged a large sum of money



- taking away your licence



- time in jail



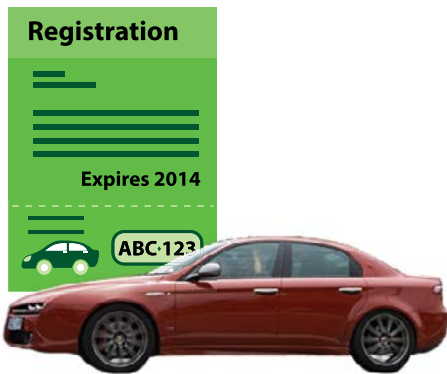
Drivers and passengers must always wear a seat belt. It is required by the law.

There are penalties if you do not wear a seat belt.



Children must:

- sit in the back seat
- wear a seat belt
- sit in a proper child's car seat that is right for their age



Never drive in a car that is not registered.



Never drive without a licence.

Always carry your driver's licence with you.



If you are stopped by a police officer, always answer their questions honestly.



Obey all the road rules and road signs.



It is illegal to hold and use a mobile phone while you are driving. This includes:

- making or receiving phone calls
- texting
- playing games
- taking photos or video
- looking at things on the internet

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