

APPLYING FOR YOUR SOUTH AFRICAN DRIVER'S LICENCE

An employer may require you to have your driver's licence to qualify for the job. Here's how you can get your driver's licence in South Africa.

NOTE: Before you are eligible to book for your driving license test, you must first write your learner's test. Your learner's test is theory based and your driver's test is practical based. You may only drive using your learner's licence in the presence of a licenced driver holding the same licence category.

Learner's Licence:

- Your learner's licence is obtained by writing a theoretical test at your nearest driving licence testing centre (DTLC).
- Your learner's licence is valid for 24 months. In this time, you should prepare for your practical driver's test.
- You can study for your learner's test by downloading the K53 app or purchasing the most recent print copy.
- It is important to do some practice tests (available on the app and in the book) which will help prepare you for the type of questions you will be asked in the test.
- You must be between the ages of 16 and 18 to apply for a learner's licence. This depends on the category of motor vehicle which you will be applying for. Be sure to check which category (referred to as codes) you are required to have for the job you are applying for. The category information will be available at the DTLC.
- To book your learner's test, go to your nearest DTLC and carry with you the following:
 - Your ID documents
 - Two identical black and white photos
 - Booking fee (check on the official government website what the current fee is)
 - Proof of address
 - You will also need to do an eye test at the DTLC or take your results from an eye test done with a qualified optometrist.
 - Learner licence application form (available at the DTLC).
- On the day of your test, take with you:
 - Booking receipt
 - Your ID

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Driver's Licence

- Your driver's licence is obtained by doing a practical driving test at your nearest DTLC.
- You will need to be at least 18 years old to do the test.
- In order to prepare for this test, you will need to go for driving lessons. Be sure to let your driving instructor know which category of motor vehicle you are practicing for.
- Remember that until you have legally passed your driver's licence, you are required to carry your learner licence with you and to have a licenced driver, holding the same licence category, in the car with you.
- Your driver's licence card is valid for 5 years, after which it will need to be renewed. You do not need to re-do the driving test to renew your card.
- Once you feel that you are ready to book for your driver's licence, you can visit the DTLC with the following:
 - Your learner's licence
 - Your ID
 - Four identical black and white photos
 - Proof of address
 - Booking fee (be sure to check with the DTLC or on the government website what the current fee is)
 - Application for the driving licence (available at the DTLC)
- On your test day, remember to carry with you:
 - Receipt and proof of payment
 - Your ID
 - Your learner's licence
- If you pass the test:
 - your fingerprints will be taken
 - You will need to do an eye test, or you can take your results from an eye test done with a qualified optometrist
 - You will need to pay a fee for your temporary licence, valid for 6 months, (be sure to check with the DTLC or on the government website what the current fee is)
 - You can collect your licence card once DTLC lets you know that it is ready

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