



Driver's License for Driving in Thailand

To drive in Thailand, you must have a driver's license with you. When a traffic officer requests to check, you must be able to present your driver's license to the officer.

Foreigners Eligible to Drive in Thailand


- 1 Those with a driver's license issued according to Thai law.
- 2 Those with an International Driving Permit (IDP).
According to international agreements to which Thailand is a party, including:
 - The Convention on Road Traffic in Geneva, 1949
 - The Convention on Road Traffic in Vienna, 1968This must be used alongside a personal domestic driver's license.
- 3 Those with a driver's license from ASEAN member countries can use it to drive in Thailand by presenting their personal domestic driver's license.

» Individuals with a driver's license issued by the government of another country can use it as part of their application for a driver's license in Thailand.



Car Rental

- ✓ To rent a car, you must have a driver's license issued in accordance with Thai law, an International Driving Permit (IDP), or a driver's license from an ASEAN member country.
- ✓ Choose a reputable car rental company. Select a vehicle that is in good condition, has a license plate, and displays a tax payment sticker.
- ✓ When driving, always carry your driver's license and the car rental documents with you.


 If you rent a car without a driver's license and an accident occurs, you may not be entitled to protection or compensation for damages.



Car Rental Services in Thailand

Thailand has car rental companies distributed throughout the country, offering a variety of vehicles for rent. Renters can choose vehicles that suit their needs.

- **Motorcycles** are suitable for 1-2 tourists and are ideal for short-distance travel due to their high maneuverability. Both the rider and passenger must always wear helmets for safety.
- **Sedans** are suitable for groups of 1-5 tourists and are the most popular choice among renters. There is a wide selection available, including compact and mid-sized cars.
- **SUV or Multi-purpose Vehicles** are suitable for specialized travel, such as camping and off-road trips.

 Renters should plan their trips to select the appropriate type of rental vehicle. They should choose a reputable company and carefully read the insurance coverage terms and the car rental agreement in detail.



Using Vehicles and Roads Safely

- **Always wear a standard helmet:** Adjust the chin strap to fit snugly whenever riding or sitting on a motorcycle.
- **Buckle up your seatbelt:** Both the driver and passengers should buckle up when traveling in a car. For public transportation such as taxis, vans, and buses, seat belts must be always fastened during the journey.
- **Walking:** Whenever possible, walk on sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the right side of the road or against the direction of traffic.
- **Crossing the Street:** Observe pedestrian traffic signals or traffic lights controlling vehicles before crossing. Look to the right before looking to the left and ensure the way is clear. Be cautious of lanes that you have not yet crossed, as vehicles may be approaching at high speed, and do not run across the street.
- **Respect Traffic Laws:** Adhere to speed limits set by law and be prepared to brake and stop safely when necessary or when pedestrians are crossing the street.



What to Do If You Have an Accident While Driving?

- 1 **Assist the Injured:** Help those who are injured and attempt to provide first aid as much as you can. Do not move the injured person. Call for Help: Dial 1669 for emergency medical assistance.
- 2 **Move Your Vehicle:** If possible, move your vehicle to a safe location to prevent further accidents.
- 3 **Contact the Police:** Call 191 to report the incident and wait at the scene to identify yourself. If you flee the scene, you will be presumed to be at fault.
- 4 **Contact Your Insurance Company:** Reach out to your insurance provider or car rental company. It is also advisable to write down the name, contact number, and license plate number of the other party involved, so the insurance representative can follow up on the matter.



Emergency Contact Numbers

☎ 1584

Complaints about Public Transportation

☎ 1356

Inquiry, Complaints, and Reporting Incidents

☎ 1348

Inquiry about BMTA bus routes

☎ 191

Police Emergency: Report urgent incidents or crimes

☎ 1137

Accident Reporting

☎ 1669

Emergency Medical Assistance Nationwide



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How to get

your First Thai Driving License ?

In case of converting a Foreign Driving License to a Thai Driving License

You may submit the required documents at any Land Transport Office



1 Passport (original and copy)

or Certificate of Identity (C.I.) and appears the entry stamp or extension stamp with validity period of at least 15 days before expiration

2 Certificate of Residence in Thailand

Notification of residence for foreigners issued by local provincial Immigration Office (The house owner must have notified the local immigration authorities the residence of a foreigner within 24 hours from the time of arrival using the notification form TM.30)

Documents Required:

- a. A request form
- b. A copy of notification form (TM.30)
- c. A copy of passport
 - i. A copy of a photo and details of a foreigner
 - ii. A copy of entry stamp
 - iii. A copy of the latest extension stamp to stay in the Kingdom (if any)



3 Health Certificate

A health certificate valid for 30 days since the issuing date

4 Foreign Driving License (original and copy)

A foreign driving license that is valid for at least the length of the time that is allowed to stay in Thailand

(In case of the driving license is not in English, an official translation in Thai or English certified by your Embassy or Consulate must be supplemented)



5 Result of E-Learning Training

One-hour training for foreigners via www.dlt-elearning.com

Fees (included request fee): 105 Baht for Motorcycles, 205 Baht for Cars