

HOW TO CONVERT A NON-SWISS DRIVING LICENSE TO A SWISS LICENSE



Within one year
(from date of entry to Switzerland)
drivers must transfer their foreign driving license to a Swiss one.

Professional drivers (e.g. lorry drivers) who want to drive motor vehicles of the categories B, B1, C, C1, D, D1, or F matriculated in Switzerland, must obtain the Swiss driving license of that particular category **before** the first professional journey.

Driving licenses issued abroad are recognised if the acquisition occurred during a stay of a minimum of continuous 12 months in the country of issue and an appropriate confirmation is added.

	Application form	Doctor's attestation	Control ride	Learner's license
<p>You own a driving license from within the EU or an EFTA country</p> <p>or one of the following countries: Andorra, Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, Croatia, Morocco, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, Singapore, Taiwan, Tunisia, USA</p>	<p>Fill out the application form (include a coloured passport size photo and a vision test).</p> <p>Take both personally to the road traffic department (Strassenverkehrsamt) or the residents' registration office (Einwohnerkontrolle). Don't forget to also bring your Swiss ID and/or your "Ausländerausweis" - the original, no copies.</p> <p>If you have a credit card format "Ausländerausweis", you also need to bring a confirmation of residence (Wohnsitzbestätigung) showing the entry date into Switzerland.</p>	<p>If you own a higher category (C1, C, D1, D or BPT) you have to see the doctor of confidence (Vertrauensarzt) for a medical examination.</p>	<p>Persons from the following countries are exempt from the control ride:</p> <p>EU/EFTA countries *</p> <p>Other countries: Andorra, Australia, Israel, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, Croatia, Morocco, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, Singapore, Taiwan (only for categories A1 and B), Tunisia, USA</p> <p>Professional drivers of the categories B, B1, C, C1, D, D1 or F must pass an additional theory test. Exempt are drivers from EU or EFTA countries.</p> <p>If drivers do not apply for a transfer of their license of these categories at this time, you have to go through the regular application process for a Swiss driving license.</p>	<p>You receive your license by mail.</p> <p>Driving licenses from EU/EFTA states are returned to the country of issue.</p>
<p>You own a driving license from another country</p>	<p>Fill out the application form (include a coloured passport size photo and a vision test).</p> <p>Take both personally to the road traffic department (Strassenverkehrsamt) or the residents' registration office (Einwohnerkontrolle). Don't forget to also bring your Swiss ID and/or your "Ausländerausweis" - the original, no copies.</p> <p>If you have an "Ausländerausweis" in credit card format, you also need to bring a confirmation of residence (Wohnsitzbestätigung) showing the entry date into Switzerland.</p>	<p>If you own a higher category (C1, C, D1, D or BPT) you have to see the doctor of confidence (Vertrauensarzt) for a medical examination.</p>	<p>Complete the control ride within three months.</p> <p>The control ride may not be repeated. We therefore recommend you to update your driving skills. Should you not attend the control ride unexcused, you have failed the control ride.</p> <p>Consequences of a failed control ride:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revocation of the foreign driving license • You may not drive in Switzerland any more • The regular application process for a Swiss driving license has to be followed <p>Where applicable, a waiver of these categories causes drivers to have to go through the regular application process for a Swiss driving license.</p>	<p>Once the control ride was passed, you will receive your license by mail.</p> <p>The foreign license is handed back to you with a remark imprinted "not valid in Switzerland".</p> <p>Driving licenses of drivers with "Ausländerbewilligung" type F, N or S are passed to the responsible authority.</p>

* **EFTA (European Free Trade Association):** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.

* **EU:** Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.