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Foreign driving licences in Germany

from EU and EEA (European Economic Area)

> Darmstadt City of Science



Can I use my foreign driving licence in Germany?

The following applies for citizens of the EU and EEA:

- You may drive a vehicle in Germany that matches the condition of your foreign driving licence.
- Please note: Bus and truck drivers have certain limitations. For further information, please contact the Driving Licence Authority.
- It is normally not necessary to provide a German translation.
- Your driving licence must be shown as evidence of your permission to drive.
- Your foreign driving licence must be valid.
- It is not necessary to exchange your driving licence for a German one at the Driving Licence Authority.

This regulation is <u>not</u> applicable for holders of driving permits that have already been exchanged (without having taken a driving test) in an EU or EEA country.

Do you have this kind of driving licence?

Then please contact the Driving Licence Department in person.

How long is my foreign driving licence valid in Germany?

For driving licences from **EU or EEA countries:** Your driving permit is valid in Germany for the length of time stated on your driving licence.

Will your driving licence soon be out-of-date/invalid?

If you are a resident of Germany, you may replace your foreign driving licence with a German one. This will automatically extend the validity.

To do this, you must submit an application to the driving license authority. The application is only valid for the respective driving license class of your foreign driving license.



Please submit the following documentation with your application for extension of a driving licence:

- A valid national identity card or passport
- A foreign driving licence from an EU or EEA country (originals only no photocopies)
- A current biometric (German) passport photo
- The original registration documents from your arrival in Germany which state your country of origin plus any stays in transit countries
- It is normally not necessary to provide a German translation.
- Application fee of 35.00 euros

For applications for bus and truck driving licences, we require additional documentation. Please contact the Driving Licence Department directly by phoning the service line: 115.

Please note: We can only process your application if <u>all necessary documentation</u> is complete!

I would like to extend my foreign driving licence.

Where can I submit my application?

For driving licences from **EU and EEA countries:** Applications must be made to a designated Driving Licence Authority. The location of the office depends on where your primary residence is located.

The Driving Licence Department is responsible for all Residents of the city of Darmstadt, including the suburbs of Arheilgen, Eberstadt, Kranichstein and Wixhausen.

It is necessary to make an appointment.

In order to make an application, you need to make an on-line appointment or to have a ticket for an appointment from the Driving Licence Authority.

Appointments may be made on-line at: https://www.darmstadt.de/rathaus/online-dienste

Tickets for appointments can be picked up during opening hours on the main floor of City Hall (Residents' and Public Order Office).

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Appointments can be made during the following times:

Monday	8:00 - 15:30
Tuesday	8:00 - 18:00
Wednesday	7:00 – 12:30
Thursday	8:00 - 19:00
Friday	7:00 – 12:30

Contact

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