



Dangerous goods driver licence – general information

Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004

Dangerous Goods Safety (Road and Rail Transport of Non-explosives) Regulations 2007

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The following information is to guide you on the requirements for applying for and renewing [dangerous goods driver licences](#). Licences are issued for five years. Refer to [schedule of fees](#) and charges for the applicable fee.

1. Do you need a licence?

A dangerous goods driver licence is required:

- to transport dangerous goods in a receptacle with a capacity of more than 500 L or more than 500 kilograms.

A dangerous goods driver licence is not required if the vehicle is transporting dangerous goods in packages.

2. Suitability of applicant

To be eligible to apply for a dangerous goods driver licence you must:

- be an individual applicant
- be at least 18 years of age
- be a resident of this State
- hold a current Western Australian (WA) Motor Driver's Licence (MDL)
- pass a [medical assessment](#) against the standards in *Assessing Fitness to Drive – Medical Standards for Commercial and Private Vehicle Drivers* not more than six months before the day the application is lodged
- be trained in the National Unit of Competency not more than six months before the day the application is lodged
- demonstrate a suitable driving history.

Note: If you are the subject of a court order prohibiting transport of dangerous goods by road, you may not be granted a dangerous goods driver licence. Contact Resources Safety for more information before making application.

3. Interstate dangerous goods driver licence holders

If you hold a current interstate dangerous goods driver licence, you can drive a dangerous goods vehicle in WA.

If you become a resident of WA, there is no requirement to change your dangerous goods driver licence to a WA licence. You may continue to use your interstate licence until it expires.

4. Mutual recognition

If you **are not** resident in this State, but hold a dangerous goods driver licence in another State or Territory of Australia, and/or New Zealand, you may apply for:

- Mutual recognition of your interstate licence (refer to [Mutual recognition of Australian occupations](#))
- or
- Mutual recognition of your New Zealand licence (refer to [Trans-Tasman mutual recognition in Western Australia](#))

5. Before completing your application

- Print the medical certificate and take it to your medical practitioner to complete.
- Attend a two-day approved driver training course (refer to the [list of approved training providers](#)).
- Apply at Australia Post for your National Police Certificate.
- Apply at a police station for your WA Certified Copy of Traffic Infringements.
- Apply for your driving record from any Australian State or Territory and/or New Zealand where you **have held** a MDL within the past five years, and/or, have incurred a traffic offence or conviction where you **have not held** a MDL (refer to [driving record contact details](#)).
- Colour copy both sides of your WA MDL.
- For proof of residency (if you do not have a WA MDL), a copy of another form of evidence must be provided, e.g. utility bill standing in your name or similar.
- Have a coloured passport photograph taken (refer to item 9 Passport photograph).

6. Medical assessment

Assessment by a medical practitioner is required for both new and a renewal application not more than six months before the day the application is lodged.

Where a medical condition is noted on your MDL the doctor should as a minimum recommend the same condition for your licence. If you wear items such as spectacles or hearing aids take them to the examination.

7. Driving record

The regulations require your driving history to be reviewed for five years prior to lodgement of your application to demonstrate your suitability for a licence within this period. If your MDL has been suspended or cancelled, refer to [Overview of dangerous goods and explosives driver licences](#) for more information.

8. Competency

Competency training is required for both new and a renewal application. The training certificate issued must be dated not more than six months before the day the application is lodged.

Competency training for each application type is as follows:

- New – a two-day driver training course
- Renewal – a two-day driver training course.

9. Passport photograph

The photograph to be lodged with your application must be of a standard equivalent to what is required for an Australian passport. Refer to www.passports.gov.au.

10. Transporting ammonium nitrate

Dangerous goods drivers involved in, or who propose to be involved in, the transport of ammonium nitrate must possess a [Dangerous Goods Security Card](#).

If you are not a permanent resident of this State and/or you don't hold a current Dangerous Goods Security Card, you may qualify with a [recognised security clearance](#) from another Australian State or Territory.

11. Lodging your application

The completed application form and supporting documentation must be:

- the original or the original certified document (where a copy is requested this does not apply)
- dated not more than six months before the day the application is lodged.

Lodgement details are included on the application form.

12. Processing the application

Failure to provide the required documentation may delay the processing of your application, or result in it being returned. Processing time for a compliant application that does not need complex internal assessment may take up to 20 business days.

13. Obligation of a licence holder

You must notify the Chief Dangerous Goods Officer within 14 days of any material changes to the details on your licence, e.g. change of name, change of address, or change to driving record or medical status.

Refer to item 14 Amending the licence for more information.

Note: The driver of a road vehicle transporting dangerous goods where the vehicle is required to be licensed under the Dangerous Goods Safety (Road and Rail Transport of Non-explosives) Regulations 2007 must carry their dangerous goods driver licence (paper licence) while driving the vehicle.

14. Amending the licence

A fee is not required to amend or upgrade your licence and a completed application form must be lodged. Refer to the following information or visit the Resources Safety website.

Note: Before lodging, check the application form for any supporting evidence required.

- Change of personal details (e.g. change of name or change of address) – complete a [Change of details form](#)
- Upgrade of licence (e.g. addition of classes) – complete an [Application for a dangerous goods driver licence](#)

15. Renewing your licence

A renewal notice is sent three months prior to the licence expiry date. You must lodge the renewal prior to the expiry date of your licence.

Note: Expired licences cannot be renewed and you must apply for a new licence.

16. Reference material

Further information can be found at the [Resources Safety website](#) and as follows:

- [Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004](#)
- [Dangerous Goods Safety \(Road and Rail Transport of Non-explosives\) Regulations 2007](#)

(download of the Act and regulations are available free on the State Law Publisher's website at www.slp.wa.gov.au)

- [Australian Dangerous Goods Code, 7th edition](#)

(available from www.canprint.com.au or CanPrint. Phone: 1300 889 873)

- [General information – Overview of dangerous goods and explosives driver licences](#)

(available from the Resources Safety website at www.dmp.wa.gov.au/ResourcesSafety)