

International Driver's Licenses and Reciprocity

International treaties, as well as state and federal laws, govern the operation of commercial and noncommercial vehicles by people licensed to drive by other countries. An individual may operate a **noncommercial** motor vehicle using a license issued by his or her home country. While operating a passenger vehicle in this state, nonresident drivers who hold a driver's license issued by a country other than the United States must have in their immediate possession their valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by that country and, if no English translation appears on the front or back of the license, one of the following:

- A valid international driving permit.
- A document containing a photo and an English translation that substantially corresponds to an international driving permit if the license to operate a motor vehicle is issued by a country that does not issue an international driving permit.

Courts and law enforcement officers should not seize and destroy foreign driver's licenses pursuant to section 625g of the Michigan Vehicle Code.

1943 Convention on the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic

Residents of countries who are signatories to the 1943 Convention may drive in this country if they have a valid **noncommercial** or **commercial** driver's license issued by a country listed below (or an authorized political subdivision of that country) in their immediate possession and, if no English translation appears on the front or back of the license, one of the following:

- A valid international driving permit.
- A document containing a photo and an English translation that substantially corresponds to an international driving permit if the license to operate a motor vehicle is issued by a country that does not issue an international driving permit.

These countries include:

Mexico	Honduras
Brazil	Nicaragua
Colombia	Panama
Costa Rica	Uruguay
El Salvador	

Commercial Driver Licenses issued by Canada and Mexico

If a driver has a valid **Commercial** Driver License issued by Canada or Mexico, the license must be honored as required by federal law (see 49 USC 31301 *et seq.* and 49 CFR 383.23).

Special Reciprocity Agreements with Germany and the Republic of Korea

Pursuant to MCL 257.302a(4) of the Michigan Vehicle Code, the Secretary of State has determined that the standards for licensing operators in Germany and the Republic of Korea correspond substantially to those of the State of Michigan. Therefore, reciprocal driving privileges were extended to Germany, effective November 10, 1997, and to the Republic of Korea, effective February 14, 2012. Persons holding valid driver's licenses issued by Germany or the Republic of Korea may operate passenger vehicles in Michigan on such licenses, if they are not receiving compensation for such operation. The privileges extended to Germany and Republic of Korea have not been withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please contact the Michigan Department of State at (888) SOS-MICH; (888) 767-6424.

MODEL INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

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<p>[Name of Country]</p> <p>International Motor Traffic</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT</p> <p>Convention on International Road Traffic of 19 September 1949</p> <p>Issued at.....</p> <p>Date of Issue.....</p>
<p>[Seal or stamp of authority]</p> <p>[Signature or seal of authority or Signature or seal of the Association empowered by the authority]</p>

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<p>This permit is valid in the territory of all the Contracting States with the exception of the territory of the Contracting State where issued, for the period of one year from the date of issue, for the driving of vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on the last page of this permit.</p> <p>[Space reserved for a list of the Contracting States (optional)]</p> <p>It is understood that this permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or to the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country through which he travels.</p>

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Particulars concerning the Driver:

Surname 1
 Other names* 2
 Place of birth** 3
 Date of birth*** 4
 Permanent place of residence 5

Vehicles for which the permit is valid:

Motorcycles, with or without a sidecar, invalid carriages and three-wheeled motor vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg. (900 lbs.)	A
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Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, at most 8 seats, or those used for the transport of goods and having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kg. (7,700 lbs.). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.	B
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Motor vehicles used for the transport of goods and of which the permissible maximum weight exceeds 3,500 kg. (7,700 lbs.). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.	C
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Motor vehicles, used for the transport of passengers comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, more than 8 seats. Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.	D
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Motor vehicles of categories B, C or D, as authorized above, with other than a light trailer.	E
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"Permissible maximum weight" of a vehicle means the weight of the vehicle and its maximum load when the vehicle is ready for the road.
 "Maximum load" means the weight of the load declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle,
 "Light trailers" shall be those of a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 750 kg. (1,650 lbs.).

<p>EXCLUSION Holder of this permit is deprived of the right to drive in (country)..... by reason of.....</p> <p>Seal or Stamp of authority</p> <p>Place: Date: Signature:</p>	<p>Exclusions: (countries I-VIII)</p>
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Should the above space be already filled, use any other space provided for "Exclusion."

Part II

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A	[Seal or stamp]
B	[Seal or stamp]
C	[Seal or stamp]
D	[Seal or stamp]
E	[Seal or stamp]

[Photograph]

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 Signature of holder****

EXCLUSIONS
(countries)

I.....	V.....
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