

Driving Licences

Drivers' licences converted to the current credit card format (CCF) in 2003. Due to the fact that all applications for the conversion of ID book type driving licences to the new CCF format and the issue of all new CCF licences are preceded by eye testing and the taking of finger prints, all applications must be done at a registered driving licence testing centre in South Africa.

It is not currently possible to apply for the CCF format driving license from abroad.

Should a South African driver misplace his / her ID book whilst overseas, the Department of Home Affairs will issue a new ID book but the new book will not contain a driving licence. It must however be very clear although the driving licence does not appear in the new ID book the driver is still a holder of a valid driving license. All driving license data are contained on the National Traffic Information System (NaTIS), and upon return to South Africa the driver can go to any driving licence testing centre and apply to be issued with a CCF driving license.

Verification of driving licence details is however possible. The Department of Transport will issue a printout of the Licence in question and supply a letter of Confirmation.

All requests should include the ID number of licence holders to enable the Department to find the record on the Database.

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Further confirmation can be obtained by contacting the Department of Transport directly. <http://www.transport.gov.za/>