



FACTSHEET

D1 Provisional Driving Licence

You may apply for your first provisional licence for vehicles in category D1 after you have been granted a driving licence for category B. If you have previously held, or are currently the holder of, a D1 provisional licence and if such licence was, or is, your first such provisional licence, you may apply to have a second provisional licence.

A person shall be regarded as an applicant for a first provisional licence in respect of a particular vehicle category if s/he has not held such a licence in the preceding five years. In addition, you may **not** apply for a provisional licence if you are disqualified by age, ill health or otherwise or if you do not have your normal residence in Ireland. You may **not** apply for a provisional licence in respect of a particular vehicle category if you already hold a full driving licence in respect of that category which was issued by the competent authority in a Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area.

You may **not** apply for a third or subsequent provisional licence in respect of a particular vehicle category unless you submit either of the following with your application:-

- (a) evidence of having undergone a driving test in the vehicle category in question in the two year period prior to the application. (In such instance a two year provisional licence will be granted)
- (b) evidence of having applied for a driving test in respect of the vehicle category in question. (In such instance a one year provisional licence will be granted).

A provisional licence holder is required at all times to display L-plates in a vertical position to the front and rear of the vehicle which they are driving and is **not** permitted to carry passengers on such a vehicle.

Applying for a Provisional Licence

You must be normally resident in Ireland to apply for a provisional licence. In this connection, you shall be regarded as having your normal residence in Ireland if, because of personal and occupational ties, you usually live here for at least 185 days in each calendar year. However, if you have personal ties in Ireland and occupational ties in another country which require absences from this country, you may still be regarded as being normally resident in Ireland provided that you return here regularly. Working abroad on a specific task for a definite duration, or attending a foreign university or school, shall not imply that you have transferred your normal residence to another country.

You should apply to the Motor Taxation Office of your local County Council or City Council and your application should include:-

In all cases

- a completed application form (D. 201)
- two photographs (signed on back)
- your current or most recent driving licence and/or provisional licence
- the appropriate fee.

and, if required in your case,

- an original birth certificate/passport.
- an original certificate of registration.
- an eyesight report/medical report.
- evidence that you underwent a driving test.
- evidence of a forthcoming driving test.
- lost licence declaration (D8.A).
- theory test certificate.

More information can be found on the Department of Transport Website www.transport.ie under driver licensing or on www.oasis.gov.ie

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