

## Transferring a Valid, Unexpired Foreign Driver License to Texas

Driving privilege reciprocity allows a person to use a valid, unexpired foreign license to operate a motor vehicle in Texas for up to one year or until a person becomes a Texas resident, whichever date is sooner. Once a person becomes a new Texas resident, they must apply for a Texas license within 90 days to continue to drive legally. See “Obtaining a Texas Driver License” for more information on applying for a Texas driver license.

### Transferring from Canada

- Applicants who have a valid, unexpired Canadian driver license must surrender their foreign driver license and are not required to take the knowledge or driving skills exams.

### Transferring from France, Germany, South Korea, or Taiwan

- Applicants who have a valid, unexpired driver license from France, Germany, South Korea, or Taiwan are not required to take the knowledge or driving skills exams if they surrender their out-of-country driver license.
- However, applicants who choose not to surrender their out-of-country driver license must take and pass the knowledge and driving skills exams.
- Foreign licenses not in English or Spanish must have a translation service or their consulate translate the information on the driver license before coming to the driver license office. This translation requirement also applies for marriage licenses.

### Transferring from a country other than Canada, France, Germany, South Korea, or Taiwan

- Applicants who have a valid, unexpired driver license from a country other than the ones listed above must take and pass the knowledge and driving skills exams.