

# Foreign Licence Holders Application

## for Reduced Essential Driver Training (EDT) and/or Exemption from Six Months Wait Time for Driving Test



Name .....

**If the address you provided on your Learner Permit application has changed, please apply to have it updated before making this application as all correspondence in relation to this application will be sent to the address registered for your Learner Permit.**

Irish driver number ..... Driver number is in field 4d of your learner permit.

Email address .....

If not completed we will use the email address you provided with your learner permit application.

Mobile phone number .....

Foreign licence number ..... Issuing country .....

Valid from ..... Valid to .....

I am the holder of a driving licence from ..... for a period of over six months/two years and I wish to apply for the: Please tick

**Reduced Essential Driver Training**   
**Exemption from having to wait six months before sitting a driving test**

See below Guidelines under 'How do I qualify?' for further information.

I send a colour photocopy of front and back of my foreign driving licence and original letter of entitlement (LOE) with this application. I declare that all the information I have given for this application is correct.

**Applicant signature** ..... **Date** .....

*Send this application and your documents to Reduced EDT, National Driving Licence Service, PO Box 858, Southside Delivery Office, Cork.*

**Please note that if you do not send us the following documents, we cannot deal with your application and we will return it to you:**

Colour photocopy of foreign driving licence

Letter of Entitlement (LOE)

Certified translation (If your LOE is not in English)

# Guidelines for Foreign Licence Holders Application for Reduced Essential Driver Training (EDT) and/or Exemption from Six Months Wait Time for Driving Test

## Essential Driver Training

- When you get your first Irish learner permit, you must complete 12 sessions of Essential Driver Training (EDT). Each session lasts one hour.
- You must have held your learner permit for at least six months before you take your driving test.
- If you have a current valid foreign driving licence from a country that Ireland does not have a licence exchange agreement with, you may not have to take EDT sessions 2,3,4,8,11 and 12. And it may be possible for you to take your driving test without having to wait for six months. For further information on EDT, please view our REDUCED ESSENTIAL DRIVER TRAINING (EDT) Information booklet. See [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie).

## How do I qualify?

- To get the EDT exemption you must have held your foreign driving licence for at least two years prior to the issue of your Irish learner permit.
- To get the six months exemption you must have held your foreign driving licence for at least six months.
- If your foreign driving licence expired more than six months ago, we cannot accept it for the exemptions.

## To qualify for the exemptions you must meet the following rules:

- Send this application form, a colour photocopy of the back and front of your foreign driving licence and an original Letter of Entitlement from the driving licence authority in the country of origin of your foreign licence by post to Reduced EDT, National Driver Licence Service, PO Box 858, Southside Delivery Office, Cork.
- You must fully complete the application form and sign the declaration.
- If you cannot send both your foreign licence and the Letter of Entitlement, you will not be able to apply for the exemption. This means you will have to complete the full EDT programme and wait six months before taking your driving test.
- Licence holders must be resident in Ireland.
- We will not accept international driver licence permits for the exemption.
- Upon receiving your licence, and any relevant documentation you send us, we will return them as soon as possible. We will send them by post to the address you provided on your learner permit application form.

## Letter of Entitlement

- A Letter of Entitlement/Driver Statement is a copy of a driver's record/history. You can get yours from the licensing authority that issued your foreign licence.
- You must send us the original Letter of Entitlement. We will also accept an email or online printout. The Letter of Entitlement must include a copy of a driver record that shows the following details:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Date of birth
  - Driver Number
  - Date of Commencement
  - Date of expiry of licence
  - Vehicle category/class of licence including details of what the category/class refers to
- If your Letter of Entitlement/Driver Statement is not in English or Irish, you must send us a certified translation of it. Certified translations from a reputable Irish company must be provided.