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 am submitting 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:

Application Checklist

A fully completed and signed application form ☑

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

What is Essential Driver Training?

Essential Driver Training (EDT) is a programme designed to help Category B (car) learner drivers develop essential driving skills and safe driving habits. EDT comprises of 12 sessions, each session lasting one hour.

What is Reduced Essential Driver Training (Reduced EDT)?

Reduced EDT is a shorter version of Essential Driver Training for certain drivers who already have gained previous driving experience while driving on a foreign driving licence. Reduced EDT comprises of 6 instead of 12 sessions

How do I qualify for Reduced EDT?

If you have a valid foreign driving licence from a country that Ireland does not have a licence exchange agreement with for at least two years prior to the issue of your Irish learner permit you can apply for Reduced EDT. If your foreign driving licence expired more than six months from the date of receipt of this application form you are not eligible to apply for Reduced EDT. Please note you may be approved for reduced EDT only once.

What is six months wait before you take your driving test?

First-time learner permit holders in categories B, A, A2, A1, AM or W must wait six months after the date of issue of the category before they can sit their driving test. It is to give first-time learner permit holders enough time to gain practical driving experience and training before taking the driving test.

What is Exemption from six months wait before you take your driving test?

An exemption from the six-month wait allows eligible learner drivers with previous driving experience on a foreign driving licence to take their driving test without waiting six months.

How do I qualify for Exemption from Six Month Wait Time for a Driving Test?

If you have a valid foreign driving licence from a country that Ireland does not have a licence exchange agreement with for at least six months prior to the issue of your Irish learner permit you can apply for Exemption from Six Month Wait Time for a Driving Test. If your foreign driving licence expired more than six months from the date of receipt of this application form you are not eligible to apply for this exemption. Please note you may be approved for this Exemption for the category only once.

How to apply for Reduced EDT / Exemption from Six Month Wait Time for a Driving Test

You must be resident in Ireland and you must hold an Irish learner permit to be eligible to apply.

You must submit the following documents in your application :

- A fully completed and signed 'Reduced Essential Driver Training (EDT) and/or Exemption from Six Months Wait Time for Driving Test application form'
- A colour photocopy of the back and front of your foreign driving licence
- Letter of Entitlement from the driving licence authority that issued your foreign driving licence. The Letter of Entitlement must include following driving licence details: Name, Address, Date of birth, Driver Number, Date of licence commencement and expiry, vehicle category/class of licence including details of what the category/class refers to.
- If the Letter of Entitlement is not in English language , a certified translation of the Letter of Entitlement into English language must be included. Certified translation must be provided by a reputable Irish company.

Post the completed application form and supporting documents to Reduced EDT, National Driver Licence Service, PO Box 858, Southside Delivery Office, Cork.