



There's nothing better than getting behind the wheel of a car and having the freedom to go wherever you want, whenever you want! But to enjoy it, you must be a licensed (qualified) driver.

Learner's Licence

1. Phone the nearest licence-booking call centre. Provide your ID number and address and a consultant will give you a reference number and will book a date for you to write your learner's test. Within five days of your call you'll have to pay a R36 booking fee and get an appointment receipt - this is where your reference number comes in handy.
2. Study for the test using a learner's book. It has all the important info you'll need for the big day, as well as test-yourself sections. Really apply yourself to absorbing all the relevant details. Wouldn't it be great to pass on the first try?
3. Take your ID book and receipt and write the test at your local testing station (the call centre will tell you where it is). The test isn't very difficult, but it can be tricky. Once you've written and passed the test, pay R31 and hand in four colour photos (45mm x 35mm) to get your learner's licence issued. You can usually have photos taken inside or outside the station itself. Your learner's licence is valid for 18 months.

**So now you have your learner's and you feel ready to drive.
But remember: you must have a licensed driver in the car
with you at all times!**

Drivers's Licence

Your 18th birthday is approaching and with it, the promise of your ticket to freedom. It's what you've been waiting for and it's within your grasp. But not before you:

1. Get yourself a good (no, great) driving instructor - either a professional or a family member. Your examiner will be watching you closely to make sure you do all the right things, so get someone to teach you good habits and K53 skills early on in your driving career. Also, give yourself enough time to learn to drive properly before you book your test.
2. Listen to your instructor and practise, practise, practise! There's a lot to remember, but most of it will become instinctive (automatic) over time - so don't stress.
3. Phone the call centre (see Step 1 above) to get a reference number and book an appointment. Have your learner's licence number ready. Pay your R135 booking fee at the testing station (though a professional instructor may do this for you).
4. The Big Day. You're ready. You're confident. Take your ID book, receipt and learner's licence to the testing station. The driving examiner will expect you to inspect the car for any faults, do a yard test and then drive him or her around on the open road. If you don't collect too many penalty points for mistakes, you'll get your driver's licence.
5. Pay R126 and hand in four colour photos to get your licence in Credit Card Format. You must keep it with you whenever you drive. It's the law!

If you didn't pass your exam the first time, don't feel bad. Simply follow steps 1 to 4, with particular attention to step 2, until you get it. Remember: it's better to stay off busy roads until you're a safe, careful and qualified driver.

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