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Smart Travellers

**Always carry an
International Driving Permit**



Even if you don't intend to drive when you travel overseas you should always carry an International Driving Permit.



Internet IDP Warning

An International Driving Permit (IDP) is a requirement for renting a motor vehicle in many countries and an IDP is helpful for tourists who find themselves in need of identification or assistance.

An IDP provides inexpensive additional security.

- IDPs are officially sanctioned by the United Nations and accepted worldwide (in over 150 countries) as a recognisable form of identification;
- Your IDP carries your identification details in nine languages (English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Italian, German, Arabic, Swedish and French), in case you need to communicate with foreign authorities;
- In some countries you may be asked to surrender your passport under certain circumstances. An IDP provides an extra photo ID in nine languages which you can always carry with you;

- IDPs are a special licence for tourists, authorised by a United Nations Treaty for the purpose of allowing motorists to drive internationally without further tests or applications;
- An IDP is proof that you hold a valid drivers licence in your home country;
- An IDP permits you to drive in a foreign country in case of an emergency;

IDPs are issued through State and Territory Motoring Clubs. All you need to do is take a copy of your current drivers licence into your local club with two passport size photos and fill out an application form.

For further details contact the Motoring Club in your State or Territory.



Counterfeit IDPs are being offered for sale on the Internet, usually at inflated prices. These forged IDPs are illegal and can get the holder into a great deal of difficulty with the traffic authorities in various countries. In Australia only the Australian Automobile Association, through the State and Territory Motoring Clubs, is authorised to issue IDPs.