



NSW, like all States and territories in Australia, has adopted a national driver licence class system for greater uniformity in road transport. The national licence classes contribute to road safety by better matching licence classes to the types of vehicles used on Australian roads. They make it easier to move between different States and Territories.

Roads and Traffic Authority

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National Driver Licence Classes

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LICENCE CLASS	AUTHORISED VEHICLES	UPGRADING*
RIDER (R)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any motorcycle or motor trike. See the RTA website on special restrictions for learner and provisional rider licence holders. 	
CAR (C)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any motor vehicle no more than 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM), which carries up to 12 adults including the driver. Any implement or tractor or a car-based motor trike. (To find out if a vehicle qualifies as a car-based motor trike, contact the RTA). See the RTA website on special restrictions for provisional P1 and P2 drivers. 	
LIGHT RIGID (LR)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any motor vehicle more than 4.5 tonnes GVM but no more than 8 tonnes GVM. Any towed trailer must not weigh more than 9 tonnes GVM. Also includes any vehicle with a GVM of no more than 8 tonnes which carries more than 12 adults including the driver. Note: There are no restrictions on the number of axles for this class of licence Also includes vehicles in Class C. 	To upgrade to this class you must have held a Class C licence (not a learner) for at least one year.
MEDIUM RIGID (MR)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any motor vehicle with two axles and more than 8 tonnes GVM. Any towed trailer must not weigh more than 9 tonnes GVM. Also includes vehicles in Class LR. 	To upgrade to this class you must have held a Class C licence (not a learner) for at least one year.
HEAVY RIGID (HR)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any rigid vehicle with three or more axles and a GVM of more than 8 tonnes. Any towed trailer must not weigh more than 9 tonnes plus any unladen converter dolly. Also includes articulated buses and vehicles in Class MR. 	To upgrade to this class you must have held a Class MR or HR licence (not a learner) for periods totalling at least two years.
HEAVY COMBINATION (HC)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any prime mover attached to a semi-trailer or a rigid vehicle towing a trailer with a GVM of more than 9 tonnes plus any unladen converter dolly. Also includes vehicles in Class HR. 	To upgrade to this class you must have held a Class MR or HR licence for at least one year. P2 licence holders cannot upgrade to this class.
MULTI COMBINATION (MC)	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any B-Double or road train. Also includes vehicles in Class HC. 	To upgrade to this class you must have held a Class HR or HC licence for at least one year. P2 licence holders cannot upgrade to this class.

*Provisional P1 Class C drivers cannot practise driving for a higher licence class or upgrade to a higher class.

Public passenger vehicles

To drive public passenger vehicles such as buses and taxis as an occupation, you need to contact Transport NSW at www.transport.nsw.gov.au or by calling one of the following offices:

- ➔ Central Metropolitan
02 9689 8888
- ➔ Parramatta and Western
1800 227 774
- ➔ NSW Northern
02 4929 7006
- ➔ NSW Southern
02 4224 3333

More information

For more information see the RTA website or the following brochures available from motor registries:

- ➔ Getting your driver licence.
- ➔ Getting your motorcycle rider licence.
- ➔ Getting your heavy vehicle driver licence.
- ➔ Getting your multi-combination driver licence.