

Overseas driver licence conversions granted

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Question: - The total number of people who had converted an overseas driver licence from an exempt country between 2008 to 2018.

- The total number of people who had converted an overseas driver licence from a non-exempt country between 2008 to 2018.

- A breakdown of the country of origin for exempt countries who had converted an overseas driver licence between 2008 to 2018.

- A breakdown of the country of origin for non-exempt countries who had converted an overseas driver licence between 2008 to 2018.

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Source database: Driver Licence Register (DLR)

Caveats:

— Data was extracted from the Driver Licence Register and is current as at 17 July 2019

— Data is limited to overseas licence conversion applications granted between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2018

— A small number of applications (< 0.001%) do not have a country recorded for the origin of the converted licence, or have the country recorded as "New Zealand" or "Unknown", these values are invalid and neither exempt nor non-exempt and have been excluded

— Some data may be affected by input errors

— Small values have been preserved as they do not allow identification of individuals

— Counts are of individuals, not applications

— 530 individuals have been granted an overseas conversion of a drivers licence from more than one country. As such the sum of the country breakdown will not be the same as the totals from 1 and 2

— Countries considered exempt as at 18 July 2019 are:

Australia (includes Norfolk Island and Christmas Island)

Austria

Belgium

Canada

Denmark

Finland

France (includes New Caledonia and French Polynesia)

Germany

Greece

Hong Kong

Ireland

Italy

Japan

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

South Africa

South Korea

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom (includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Guernsey, Ascension Islands, Isle of Man, Jersey and Falkland Islands)

United States of America

— Countries considered non-exempt are countries not listed above as at 18 July 2019.

— Counts by exempt and non-exempt countries are based on definitions as at 18 July 2019 and not at the time of application.

For further information, please contact StatisticalAnalysis@nzta.govt.nz

*This information must be read in conjunction with the caveats in the "Caveats" sheet of this document.
Data extracted from Motor Vehicle Register (MVR) on 11 January 2019 for the 12 January 2019 report.*

3. A breakdown of the country of origin for exempt countries who had converted an overseas driver licence between 2008 to 2018.

Exempt country name	Count of drivers granted a licence conversion
Australia	54774
Austria	674
Belgium	692
Canada	7681
Channel Islands	141
Denmark	536
England	6569
Falkland Islands	9
Finland	463
France	5603
French Polynesia	572
Germany	6279
Greece	261
Hong Kong	2123
Ireland (Eire)	6768
Isle Of Man	155
Italy	2427
Japan	10042
Korea (South) RPBC	16072
Luxembourg	33
Netherlands (Holland)	2830
New Caledonia	164
Norfolk Island	50
Northern Ireland	172
Norway	261
Portugal	260
Scotland	403
South Africa	31098
Spain	1480
Sweden	1082
Switzerland	1156
United Kingdom	71592
United States of America	22476
Wales	142

4. A breakdown of the country of origin for non-exempt countries who had converted an overseas driver licence between 2008 to 2018.

Non-exempt country name	Count of drivers granted a licence conversion
Adelie Land (France)	1
Afghanistan	525

Albania	21
Algeria	18
America Undefined	3
American Samoa	361
Andorra	1
Anguilla	1
Antigua & Barbuda	2
Argentina	1317
Argentinian Antarctic	2
Armenia	10
Australian Antarctic Territory	1
Azerbaijan	5
Bahamas	2
Bahrain	94
Bangladesh	826
Barbados	13
Belarus	87
Belize	8
Bermuda	26
Bhutan	7
Bolivia	28
Bosnia-Herzegovina	11
Botswana	90
Brazil	3947
Brit Indian Ocean	1
Brunei Darussalam	86
Bulgaria	184
Burkina Faso	1
Burma	5
Burundi	5
Byelorussian SSR	1
Cambodia	1213
Cameroon, Republic Of	17
Caribbean Unspecified	1
Cayman Islands	21
Central African Republic	4
Chad	1
Chile	1276
Chilean Antarctic Territory	26
China, People's Republic Of	37889
Cocos Islands	10
Colombia	531
Comoros	2
Cook Islands (Rarotonga)	1326
Costa Rica	25
Croatia	148
Cuba	3
Cyprus	43
Czech Republic	1004
Czechoslovakia	9

Dem Republic Of The Congo	1
Dominica	2
Dominican Republic	6
Ecuador	30
Egypt	362
El Salvador	10
Eritrea	7
Estonia	51
Ethiopia	139
Faeroe Islands	3
Federated States of Micronesia	12
Fiji	12204
Gambia	2
Georgia	17
Ghana	62
Guam	8
Guatemala	29
Guinea	1
Guinea-Bissau	2
Guyana	5
Honduras	9
Hungary	504
Iceland	85
India	56063
Indonesia	1095
Iran	1409
Iraq	258
Israel	357
Jamaica	37
Jordan	284
Kampuchea	1
Kazakhstan	145
Kenya	281
Kiribati	434
Korea (North) DPR	31
Kosovo	5
Kuwait	87
Kyrgyzstan	21
Laos	23
Latvia	92
Lebanon	80
Lesotho	3
Liberia	2
Libyan Arab Republic	21
Liechtenstein	1
Lithuania	63
Macau	24
Macedonia	171
Madagascar	3
Malawi	38

Malaysia	4840
Maldives	34
Malta	20
Marshall Islands	4
Mauritania	1
Mauritius	135
Mexico	479
Moldova	30
Monaco	1
Mongolia	34
Montenegro	2
Morocco	38
Mozambique	7
Myanmar	86
Namibia	65
Nauru	20
Nepal	1317
Netherlands Antilles	3
Nicaragua	6
Niger	2
Nigeria	245
Niue Islands	232
Northern Mariana Islands	11
Oman	104
Pacific Islands (Unspecified)	2
Pakistan	1550
Palau	7
Palestine	19
Panama	8
Papua New Guinea	138
Paraguay	17
Peru	127
Philippines	20025
Pitcairn	7
Poland	338
Puerto Rico	5
Qatar	151
Republic of Congo	9
Romania	466
Russia	2184
Rwanda	11
Samoa	3183
San Marino	1
Saudi Arabia	628
Senegal	2
Serbia	222
Seychelles	23
Sierra Leone	1
Singapore	1218
Slovakia	168

Slovenia	131
Solomon Islands	64
Somalia	30
South Sudan	1
Sri Lanka	4327
St Helena	2
St Lucia	3
St Vincent and The Grenadines	3
Sudan	43
Suriname	2
Swaziland	8
Syria	208
Taiwan	1098
Tajikistan	4
Tanzania	52
Thailand	1587
Timor (Portugese)	8
Togo	6
Tokelau	5
Tonga	4111
Trinidad and Tobago	33
Tunisia	11
Turkey	285
Turkmenistan	1
Turks and Caicos Islands	1
Tuvalu	155
Uganda	30
Ukraine	421
United Arab Emirates	1026
Uruguay	260
US Misc Pacific Islands	1
Uzbekistan	41
Vanuatu	78
Venezuela	126
Vietnam	765
Virgin Islands, British	2
Virgin Islands, United States	1
Wallis and Futuna	1
Western Sahara	4
Yemen	13
Yugoslavia	29
Zambia	84
Zimbabwe	837
