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Dear Emma

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 6 March 2017 requesting information about Chinese nationals obtaining New Zealand driver licences prior to their arrival in New Zealand, and details of any other country this service is offered to.

All New Zealand driver licence applications are required to be made in person at a driver licensing agent in New Zealand (selected AA, VTNZ or VINZ outlets), with the exception of an application which allows a licence to be replaced from overseas (DL2A). An application to convert an overseas licence (including Chinese licences) cannot be processed while the applicant is overseas. More information about how to convert an overseas licence can be found on our website at:

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/new-residents-and-visitors/>

As the process to convert an overseas licence can only be completed in New Zealand, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to refuse your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10152  
Wellington

The NZ Transport Agency takes concerns about fraudulent activity very seriously. We would greatly appreciate any additional information you can provide that may assist the Transport Agency in making further inquiries. In which case, you are welcome to contact Kate Styles, National Manager Operations, by email to [kate.styles@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:kate.styles@nzta.govt.nz) or by phoning 04 894 6100.

Yours sincerely



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