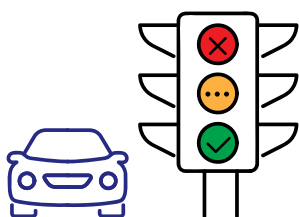


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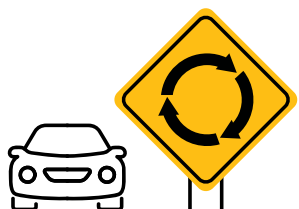
Road rules in Australia are different from the rules in Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste. Before driving in Australia, make sure you have a current driver's license. You must also check that your license can be used in the area in Australia that you will be driving.



TRAFFIC LIGHTS

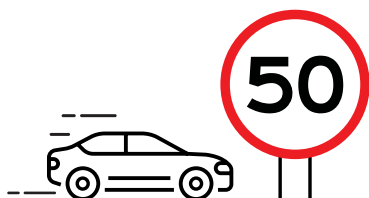
The traffic lights system in Australia has 3 lights:

- **red** means you must stop.
- **yellow** (amber) means you must stop. You can only go through a yellow light if you cannot stop safely before the 'stop' line. You should not stop suddenly, and you should not speed up to get through a yellow light.
- **green** means you can go through the intersection if it is safe to do so.



ROUNDBABOUTS

- Roundabouts are a circular (round) intersection where traffic flows in one direction around a central island.
- You must slow down at roundabouts and give way to traffic coming from your right.



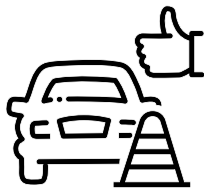
SPEED LIMITS

- It is important to pay attention to speed limit signs.
- Do not go faster than speed limit. It is the maximum driving speed you are allowed to drive.
- School zones have a special lower speed limit during certain times of the day when children are at school.
- It is against the law to speed, and you may be fined.



SEAT BELTS

- All drivers and passengers must wear a seatbelt.
- Before you begin your car trip, make sure your seatbelt fits well and securely fastened.
- Children under a certain age, height and weight must sit in approved car seats.
- The driver may receive a large fine for anyone in the car who is not wearing a seatbelt.



MOBILE PHONES

- When you are driving, you are not allowed to pick up or use a handheld mobile phone.
- It is also against the law to have a mobile phone on your lap while you are driving.
- Many car accidents happen because the driver was distracted and looking at their mobile phone.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

- It is dangerous to you and others if you drive after taking drugs or alcohol.
- You are breaking the law if you drive with a blood alcohol level of 0.05% or higher. This is about 2 standard drinks.
- You can be given a heavy fine and lose your license.

TIREDNESS

- It is dangerous to drive while you are tired.
- If you are yawning or closing your eyes while you are driving, you must stop and rest.
- Make sure you are well-rested before driving.
- Do not drive for more than 3 hours without a break.

Remember that driving in Australia will be different to driving in your country. Keep yourself, your passengers and others on the road safe by following the Australian road rules.

TRAINING AVAILABLE TO WORKERS

If you are a worker in the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme, you can get driver training.

This training is part of the PALM scheme's Skills Development Program.

To find out more, talk to your employer about the training you can do.

OTHER RESOURCES

There is information available on the PALM scheme website to support you while driving in Australia.

Your employer can help answer your questions. If your employer cannot help, you can:

- call the PALM scheme support service line on (1800 51 51 31)
- email (palm@dewr.gov.au) between 8:30 am and 6:30 pm AEST.

If there is a serious problem, please call the support line any time, day or night.