Reduced Essential Driver Training Programme (EDT) for Foreign Licence Holders



On 21 January 2019 the Road Safety Authority (RSA) introduced a reduced EDT programme for drivers who currently hold a car licence (category B) but come from a country that does not have a licence exchange agreement with Ireland.

When you get your first Irish learner permit, in order to sit your driving test you must complete Essential Driver Training (EDT). The full course is twelve one-hour sessions.

The reduced EDT programme is six one-hour sessions. It will teach you some of the most vital driving skills and help you to continue driving safely by improving your knowledge and understanding of road safety in Ireland.

Who can apply?

Holders of a current foreign driving licence from another country with which Ireland does not have a licence exchange agreement.

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Conditions for applying:

- 1. You must hold a foreign driving licence.
- 2. You must have held a licence for at least two years prior to the issue of your Irish learner permit.
- 3. Your licence must not have expired more than six months on the date of receipt of application form.
- 4. You must be resident in Ireland.
- 5. You must hold an Irish learner permit.

How do I apply?

- 1. Complete the 'Foreign Licence Holders Application form for Reduced Essential Driver Training (EDT) and/or Exemption from Six Months Wait Time for Driving Test.
- 2. Enclose your original foreign driving licence.
- 3. Enclose a **Letter of Entitlement.** This is a document that you must get from the licensing authority who issued your foreign licence.
- 4. Post these to: Reduced EDT, National Driver Licence Service, PO Box 858, Southside Delivery Office, Cork.



^{*}Application Form for Reduced EDT is available at www.rsa.ie and www.ndls.ie.

Approved Driving Instructor (ADI)

Only instructors approved by the RSA can deliver the reduced Essential Driver Training programme. Find an ADI instructor here.