Version
as at 7 May 2026

Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2024

(SL 2024/222)

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 29th day of October 2024

Present:
Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This ordinary rule is made under section 152A of the Land Transport Act 1998—

(a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and

(b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport after having had regard to the matters specified in section 164(2) of that Act.

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The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

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This rule is administered by the Ministry of Transport.

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Rule

1 Title

This rule is the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2024.

2 Commencement

(1) This rule comes into force on 1 November 2024.

(2) However, clauses 5(2), 7, and 8 come into force on 1 November 2026.

Clause 2(2): amended, on 7 May 2026, by clause 38 of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

3 Principal rule

This rule amends the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999.

4 Clause 5A amended (Transitional, savings, and related provisions)

[Revoked]

Clause 4: revoked, on 7 May 2026, by clause 39 of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

5 Clause 88 amended (Recognition of overseas driver licence or permit)

(1) After clause 88(2), insert:

(2A) Subclause (3) applies to a person who is deemed by subclause (1) to hold a New Zealand driver licence other than a Class 1 driver licence.

(2) In clause 88(2A), delete “other than a Class 1 driver licence”.

(3) In clause 88(3), replace “A person who is deemed by subclause (1) to hold a New Zealand driver licence may continue to drive under that driver licence”

with "A person to whom this subclause applies may continue to drive under the New Zealand driver licence that they are deemed to hold".

6 New clause 88AA inserted (Recognition of overseas driver licence or permit (Class 1))

After clause 88, insert:

88AA Recognition of overseas driver licence or permit (Class 1)

A person who is deemed by clause 88(1) to hold a New Zealand Class 1 driver licence may continue to drive under that driver licence until the first of the following situations occurs:

(a) the person has remained in New Zealand for a continuous period of 18 months; or

(b) the document that enabled that person to be deemed to hold a New Zealand Class 1 driver licence under—

(i) clause 88(1)(a) expires, is suspended, or is revoked; or

(ii) clause 88(1)(b) expired more than 6 months previously, is suspended, or is revoked; or

(c) an order is made disqualifying the person from holding or obtaining a driver licence, either in New Zealand or in the jurisdiction that granted the overseas driver licence or permit; or

(d) the person obtains or renews a New Zealand Class 1 driver licence.

7 Clause 88AA revoked (Recognition of overseas driver licence or permit (Class 1))

Revoke clause 88AA.

8 Schedule 1AA amended

In Schedule 1AA,—

(a) insert the Part set out in the Schedule of this rule as the last Part; and

(b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

Clause 8: replaced, on 7 May 2026, by clause 40 of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

9 Schedule 2A revoked

[Revoked]

Clause 9: revoked, on 7 May 2026, by clause 41 of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

10 Schedule 7A amended

In Schedule 7A, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

Croatia

11 Schedule 8 amended

In Schedule 8, Part 2, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

Croatia

12 Schedule 9 amended

(1) In Schedule 9, Part 1, replace the item relating to overseas passport (may include New Zealand immigration visa or permit issued by Department of Labour) with:

Overseas passport	Overseas authority

(2) In Schedule 9, Part 1, replace the item relating to New Zealand certificate of identity (issued under the Immigration Act 1987 issued to people who have refugee status) with:

Certificate of identity form held by a person who is a refugee (issued under section 381 of the Immigration Act 2009 and the immigration instructions (within the meaning of section 4 of that Act))	Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (Immigration)

Schedule
New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1AA

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Schedule heading: replaced, on 7 May 2026, by clause 42(1) of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

Schedule 1AA
Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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Schedule 1AA heading: revoked, on 7 May 2026, by clause 42(2) of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

Part 1
Provision relating to Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2014

[Revoked]

Schedule 1AA Part 1: revoked, on 7 May 2026, by clause 42(2) of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

1 Transitional provision in relation to existing licences of Class 1L, Class 1R, Class 6L, or Class 6R

[Revoked]

Schedule 1AA clause 1: revoked, on 7 May 2026, by clause 42(2) of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

Part 2
Provision relating to Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2024

2 Transitional provision in relation to arrival in New Zealand between 1 November 2024 and 31 October 2026

(1) This clause applies on and after 1 November 2026 to a person who,—

(a) for the purposes of clause 88(1), arrived in New Zealand between 1 November 2024 and 31 October 2026; and

(b) is deemed by clause 88(1) to hold a New Zealand Class 1 driver licence.

(2) Clause 88AA continues to apply to the person despite clauses 5(2) and 7 of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2024.

Schedule: amended, on 7 May 2026, by clause 42(2) of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79).

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2024 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2026 (SL 2026/79): clauses 38–42

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