



Exchanging a foreign Driving Licence in Portugal

Swapping a foreign driving licence must be done in person at the local office of the “IMT” (*Instituto da Mobilidade e dos Transportes, I.P.*). You will need to bring the following documents:

- Your valid foreign driving licence;
- “NIF” (Portuguese Fiscal Number);
- Your passport;
- Your Portuguese Residency Certificate (“*Residência*”);
- A “fit-to-drive” Medical Certificate from a Portuguese doctor;
- Proof of address (e.g. utility bill)

The “IMT” staff will help you complete the necessary paperwork, take a digital photo and digital signature and keep your foreign driving licence. In its place, the “IMT” will issue a temporary permit which allows you to drive (only in Portugal) until your permanent license is sent to you by registered post (usually within three weeks). The cost of the licence exchange is €30.

Driving licence test in Portugal

If for any reason you must pass a Portuguese driving test, the exam is composed of three parts: technical, theoretical and practical:

- Theoretical: 30 questions in 35 minutes (passing grade: 27 out of 30);
- Technical exam: 50 minutes;
- Driving test: 40-50 minutes with instructor and examiner present.

Before taking the exam, you must pass the theoretical part of the test and complete at least 32 hours of hands-on driving lessons at a Driving School. Once you have completed the course, you can register for the practical driving exam. Costs vary between Driving Schools. Typical charges range between €750 - €1,000.



Older drivers in Portugal are required to complete a medical examination when renewing the validity of their Driving Licence at ages 50, 60, 65 and 70. After 70, drivers must renew their licence every two years.

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