DRIVING LICENSE CONVERSION – REQUIRED FOR TOURISTS WHO WILL BE IN ISRAEL FOR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS

To obtain an Israeli driver’s license, the following steps must be completed. As part of the process, you will need to take a Mivchan Shlita, a practical driving test. The total cost of the driver’s license conversion is approximately 1300 NIS (for someone who passes the exam either the first or second time). Note: Olim must present a valid foreign driver’s license issued at least 3 months prior to entry into Israel.

**Step 1: Visit the Misrad Harishui in Rehovot**

Foreign passport holders need to visit this office to receive an identification number to begin the process. The office is located in the Rehovot Shopping Mall and is open Sun – Thurs from 08.00 – 13.00

**Step 2: Visit an Optician Affiliated with Marmanet or Femi-Premium**

Marmanet and Femi-Premium are two private companies who provide services for Misrad Harishui. Click here for a listing of opticians around Israel who are affiliated with Marmanet or Femi-Premium, or phone:

- Marmanet: 1-599-502-030
- Femi-Premium: 03-5688140

When you visit the optician, bring the following with you:

- Passport
- Glasses or contact lenses (where relevant)

You will receive a “Tofes Yarok”, a green form printed by Misrad Harishui (Ministry of Vehicle Licensing). You will also be photographed, and you will have an eye examination.

**Cost:** The eye examination costs 40 NIS.

**Step 3: Fill Out the Health Declaration**

Part of the Tofes Yarok is a Hatsharat Briut, a declaration of health. Fill out this form, listing medications that may affect your driving.

**Step 4: Visit a Physician (GP)**

Bring your “Tofes Yarok” to a physician to sign. The doctor will make a note on the form of any medications you take that may affect your driving.

**Step 5: Go to Misrad Harishui**

Bring your Tofes Yarok, Passport and foreign driver’s license to a district-level Misrad Harishui to be stamped. Only district-level Misrad Harishui offices can help you with your driver’s license conversion.

The local offices of Misrad Harishui generally do not provide this service. For a listing of district-level Misrad Harishui offices, see Misrad Harishui Offices. You can also go to www.mot.gov.il or phone 1-222-5678 or *5678. In Jerusalem, phone 02-568-2222.

(District-level Misrad Harishui offices are also located in Holon, Haifa and Beer Sheva.)

You will receive a Hafnaya (referral form) to give to your driving instructor.

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Step 6: Schedule Your Lesson(s) and a Practical Test

1. Contact a driving instructor. A listing is available on the NBN Business Directory.
2. Schedule either one or two driving lessons, as well as a practical driving test.
3. Give your Hafnaya to your driving instructor.
4. You will receive an Agrat Mifchan (a form indicating you must pay a fee for the test), to bring to the post office.

Cost: A lesson costs about 110 NIS on a manual car and 130 NIS on an automatic car; specify which type of car you drive. A test on an automatic car only allows you to drive legally on automatic cars.

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Step 7: Visit the Post Office

Bring your Agrat Mivchan to the post office.

Cost: 65 NIS. Make sure you obtain a receipt.

Step 8: Take the Test

Bring your Teudat Zehut and the receipt from the post office, to give to your driving instructor. The instructor will phone you after the exam to let you know whether you passed, usually within a day or two.

Cost: About 400 NIS, for the use of the instructor’s car during the exam.

Step 9: Return to Misrad Harishui

After passing your driving test, bring your Teudat Zehut to Misrad Harishui. You will receive a temporary driver’s license and a receipt for payment for your exam.

Step 10: Return to the Post Office

Pay the fee to activate your temporary driver’s license. Your permanent license (photo ID) will be mailed to your home address listed on your Teudat Zehut within 8 weeks. Until the age of 65, you will need to renew your license every ten years; over the age of 65, you will need to renew it every two years.

Cost: Approximately 400 NIS