

Driving Licenses Valid in the UAE (2026)

Which countries can rent on a home license, need an International Driving Permit, or exchange a license as a resident.

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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO RENT

UAE residents

- Valid UAE driving license
- Emirates ID (residence visa may also be requested)
- Card in the driver's name for the deposit

Tourists

- Passport
- Visit visa or entry stamp
- Home-country driving license
- IDP, only if the country is not recognised or the license is not in English/Arabic

FULL COUNTRY LIST: 80 COUNTRIES AND LICENSE ORIGINS

COUNTRY	REGION	RENT AS A TOURIST	EXCHANGE AS A RESIDENT
India	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Saudi Arabia	GCC	Home license	Direct exchange
Oman	GCC	Home license	Direct exchange
United Kingdom	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Russia	Europe	IDP needed	Driving school
Germany	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
United States	Americas	Home license	Direct exchange
China	Asia	Home license	Direct exchange
France	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Pakistan	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Philippines	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Egypt	MENA	IDP needed	Driving school
Iran	MENA	IDP needed	Driving school

COUNTRY	REGION	RENT AS A TOURIST	EXCHANGE AS A RESIDENT
Italy	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Kazakhstan	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Kuwait	GCC	Home license	Direct exchange
Bangladesh	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Bahrain	GCC	Home license	Direct exchange
Qatar	GCC	Home license	Direct exchange
Lebanon	MENA	IDP needed	Driving school
Jordan	MENA	IDP needed	Driving school
Iraq	MENA	IDP needed	Driving school
Yemen	MENA	IDP needed	Driving school
Nigeria	Africa	IDP needed	Driving school
Kenya	Africa	IDP needed	Driving school
South Africa	Africa	Home license	Direct exchange
Australia	Oceania	Home license	Direct exchange
Canada	Americas	Home license	Direct exchange
Netherlands	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Belgium	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Spain	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Switzerland	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Sweden	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Norway	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Denmark	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Poland	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Ukraine	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Turkey	Asia	Home license	Exchange + paperwork
Czech Republic	Europe	Home license	Confirm with RTA
Austria	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Greece	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Portugal	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange

COUNTRY	REGION	RENT AS A TOURIST	EXCHANGE AS A RESIDENT
Ireland	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Hungary	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Romania	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Bulgaria	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Finland	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Israel	MENA	Home license	Confirm with RTA
Singapore	Asia	Home license	Exchange + RTA theory test
Malaysia	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Indonesia	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Thailand	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Japan	Asia	Home license	Direct exchange
South Korea	Asia	Limited, confirm	Resident exchange
Hong Kong	Asia	Home license	Direct exchange
Sri Lanka	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Nepal	Asia	IDP needed	Driving school
Brazil	Americas	IDP needed	Driving school
Argentina	Americas	IDP needed	Driving school
New Zealand	Oceania	Home license	Direct exchange
Croatia	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Slovenia	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Slovakia	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Cyprus	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Malta	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Luxembourg	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Estonia	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Latvia	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Lithuania	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Iceland	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Albania	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange

COUNTRY	REGION	RENT AS A TOURIST	EXCHANGE AS A RESIDENT
Serbia	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Montenegro	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
North Macedonia	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Belarus	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Kosovo	Europe	Home license	Direct exchange
Azerbaijan	Asia	Home license	Direct exchange
Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Home license	Direct exchange
Uzbekistan	Asia	Home license	Direct exchange
Texas (USA)	Americas	Home license	Direct exchange

SOME TERRITORIES NOT COVERED

Some places and territories are **not eligible** for license exchange in Dubai, even when a nearby country is recognised, so the full driving school applies: Guam (US), Puerto Rico (US), Northern Mariana Islands (US), Jersey, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Andorra. If your license is from one of these, confirm with the RTA.

Sources & verification. UAE Ministry of Interior Markhoos initiative, official UAE government IDP guidance, RTA / TAMM exchange-service guidance, and 2026 UAE transport reporting. Recognition lists change, confirm with the RTA or your car rental dealer before booking.

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