



VEHICLE CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS AND AGE ENTITLEMENTS FOR DRIVING

Please note: MAM = Maximum Authorised Mass – the weight of the motor vehicle or trailer when laden with the heaviest load it is constructed or adapted to carry.

Cat	Vehicle	Description	Min. Age
P	Any 2 or 3 wheeled vehicle	Engine <u>not</u> exceeding 50cc or electrical engine having a maximum continuous rated power not exceeding 4kw.	14
A1	Light motorcycle (two wheeled, with or without side-car)	Maximum design speed over 50km/h, or engine exceeding 50cc but <u>not</u> exceeding 125cc and power <u>not</u> exceeding 11kw. MUST have held full category P for at least 12 months before issue of full category A1 licence to applicants under 17 years.	16
A	Heavy motorcycle (two wheeled, with or without side-car)	Engine exceeding 125cc. MUST have held full category A1 for at least 12 months before issue of full category A licence to applicants under 18 years.	17
B1	Motor tricycle or quadricycle (three or four wheeled)	Maximum design speed exceeding 50 km/h OR engine exceeding 50cc. Unladen mass (not including battery mass in the case of electrically propelled) not exceeding 550kg.	17
B	Car/small goods vehicle	Vehicle <u>not</u> exceeding 3500kg MAM. Up to 8 seats in addition to driver. Trailer up to 750kg MAM OR combination of vehicle and trailer not exceeding 3500kg MAM. Trailer MAM not to exceed unladen mass of motor vehicle.	17
BE	Passenger vehicle/small goods vehicle + trailer	Combination of vehicles consisting of vehicle in category B and trailer where combination does not come within category B.	17
C1	Medium goods	Vehicle exceeding 3500kg MAM but <u>not</u>	18

	vehicle	exceeding 7500kg MAM. Trailer up to 750kg MAM.	
C1E	Medium goods vehicle + trailer	Combination of vehicles consisting of vehicle in category C1 and trailer over 750kg MAM. MAM of combination not to exceed 12000kg and trailer MAM not to exceed unladen mass of motor vehicle.	18
C	Large goods vehicle	Vehicle exceeding 7500kg MAM. Trailer up to 750kg MAM.	21
CE	Large goods vehicle + trailer	Combination of vehicles consisting of vehicle in category C and trailer over 750kg MAM.	21
D1	Minibus	Over 8 seats but up to 16 seats in addition to driver. Trailer up to 750kg MAM.	18
D1E	Minibus + trailer	Combination of vehicles consisting of vehicle in category D1 and trailer over 750kg MAM. MAM of combination not to exceed 12000kg and trailer MAM not to exceed unladen mass of motor vehicle. Trailer not to be used for the transport of persons.	18
D	Large passenger carrying vehicle	Over 16 seats in addition to driver. Trailer up to 750kg MAM.	21
DE	Large passenger carrying vehicle + trailer	Combination of vehicles consisting of vehicle in category D and trailer over 750kg MAM.	21
F	Agricultural tractor	A tractor used primarily for work on land in connection with agriculture, horticulture, market gardening and forestry. With or without trailer.	17
G	Road repairing machine		17
L	Electrically propelled vehicle		17

Additional Information

Passenger Carrying Vehicles – A separate Public Service Vehicle permit must be obtained from Driver & Vehicle Licensing before you may drive any passenger-carrying vehicle for a public service.