



Mutual recognition of dangerous goods and explosives licences - general information

Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Act 2010 and Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Act 2007 and regulations

1. Introduction

The following information is a guide to the requirements for applying for mutual recognition of an interstate or New Zealand dangerous goods or explosives licences.

2. Who doesn't need to apply?

Licences issued in other States and Territories of Australia are recognised under Western Australian (WA) regulations. Holders of interstate licences do not need to apply for mutual recognition to use their licences in WA. They are not prevented from applying for mutual recognition. However, it is unnecessary.

2. Who can apply?

Persons, who hold one or more of the following dangerous goods or explosives licences in New Zealand, or States or Territories of Australia, may apply to have their licence(s) recognised in (WA).

- Dangerous goods driver
- Explosives driver
- Shotfirer
- Fireworks operator
- Pyrotechnics (special use)

If recognised, a WA licence is granted for the balance of the term of the recognised licence, up to a maximum of five years..

4. Suitability of applicant

To be eligible to have your licence mutually recognised, you must:

- be an individual who holds a New Zealand or Australian dangerous goods or explosives licence
- not be the subject of disciplinary action, or any investigation that might lead to disciplinary action in New Zealand, or a State, or Territory of Australia
- not have held a cancelled or suspended licence as a result of disciplinary action in New Zealand, or a State, or Territory of Australia
- not be the subject to any special conditions in carrying on that occupation, as a result of criminal, civil or disciplinary action in New Zealand, or a State, or Territory of Australia
- not be prohibited from carrying on any such licensed activity in New Zealand, or a State, or Territory of Australia.

5 Applying for a licence

Shotfiring licences and dangerous goods and explosives driver licences must be applied for online via the Safety Regulation System (SRS). Visa and MasterCard are accepted forms of payment. Refer to the schedule of fees and charges for the applicable licence fee.

Log onto SRS with your Department account details. If you do not have a Department account, go to the registration page to register for SRS.

Note: SRS is designed to work best with Internet Explorer 8 and Mozilla Firefox 3.5.

To apply for other licence types, refer to website for application forms.

6. Immediate deemed licensing

You are eligible to perform the duties of the licence on lodgement of a valid application. You do not need to wait for a licence to be issued. Deficient or non-compliant applications will be returned, and eligibility to perform the duties of the licence will no longer apply.

7. Upgrading the licence

To upgrade your licence, lodge an application online. No fee applies.

8. Renewing the licence

Renewal notices are sent three months prior to the licence expiry. You may apply for renewal online after you have received the renewal notice.

Licences must be renewed prior to expiry. If you require a licence after a licence expires, you must apply for a new licence either under mutual recognition, or the normal WA licensing requirements.

For more information refer to the general information sheet for each licence type available on the web.

9. Public registers

The licensing regulations create public registers which require information about licence holders and licences to be publicly available. The actual information published in each licence register depends on the licence type.

Typically the register information includes the licence:

- number
- purpose
- holder's name
- any conditions
- expiry date

10. Supporting documentation required for a new and renewal application

A high quality colour image of the following items must be provided with your submission. The payment must be Visa or MasterCard and the passport photo must be a JPEG file.

Place	Licence type	New and renewal applications
New Zealand	Dangerous goods driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• D Endorsed MDL• Not more than 6 months• Licence fee
New Zealand	Explosives driver	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• D Endorsed MDL• Approved Handler Test Certificate• Controlled Substance Licence• Not more than 6 months• Licence fee
New Zealand	Fireworks operator, shotfirers, pyrotechnics (special use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved Handler Test Certificate• Controlled Substance Licence• Not more than 6 months• Licence fee
Interstate	Dangerous goods driver, explosives driver, fireworks operator, shotfirers, pyrotechnics (special use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of front and back of licence to be recognised• Not more than 6 months• Licence fee

11. Reference material

Further information can be found at the Resources Safety website.

- *Dangerous Good Safety Act 2004*
- *Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Act 2010*
- *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Act 2007*

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13. Help with online application

For additional assistance in completing your SRS registration and online submission

Phone: (08) 9222 0777 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Email: service.desk@dmp.wa.gov.au

14. Witnessing statutory declarations

Mutual recognition applications must be witnessed by persons authorised to witness under different laws in each State and Territory of Australia and New Zealand.

Refer to website for information on authorised witnesses in various jurisdictions.