

















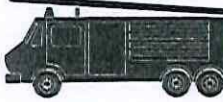





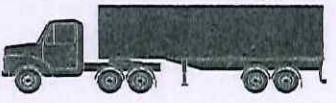
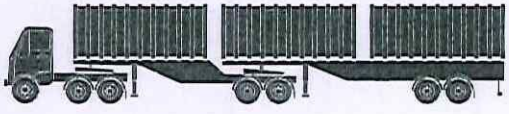


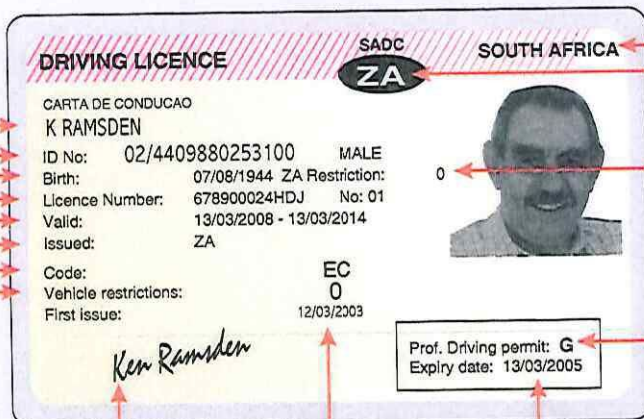


	CODE	DESCRIPTION	OLD CODE
CYCLES	A1	Motor cycle up to 125 cc with or without sidecar (Moped, scooter etc) 	Code 01
		Electrically powered vehicle	Code 06
	A Also authorises A1	Motor cycle, tricycle or quadrucycle above 125 cc with or without sidecar 	Codes 02, 03, 04 and 15
LIGHT MOTOR VEHICLES	B Also authorises tractor and mobile machinery In which case there is no mass limit on vehicle or trailer	Goods vehicle (not articulated) or bus up to 3 500 kg GVM which may pull a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM   Motor car, motor home or special vehicle (eg ambulance, fire-fighting vehicle) up to 3 500 kg tare which may draw a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM    	Previously Code 08, with no restriction on trailer mass, these were converted to EB
	B5	A "5" endorsement restricts authorisation to a tractor but stipulates no mass limit on the tractor or trailer 	Code 05
	B7	A "7" endorsement restricts authorisation to mobile machinery but stipulates no mass limit  	Code 07
HEAVY MOTOR VEHICLES	C1 Also authorises B	Goods vehicle (not articulated) or bus above 3 500 kg up to 16 000 kg GVM which may draw a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM   A special vehicle (eg ambulance, fire-fighting vehicle) above 3 500 kg up to 16 000 kg tare which may draw a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM 	Previously Code 10, these were converted to either EC1 or EC depending on the date of issue
	C14	A "4" endorsement authorises the driving of buses above 16 000 kg GVM  	Code 10. There was no mass limit for buses
	C Also authorises B and C1	Goods vehicle (not articulated) or bus above 16 000 kg GVM which may draw a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM   A special vehicle above (eg ambulance or fire fighting vehicle) above 16 000 kg tare which may draw a light trailer up to 750 kg GVM 	Previously Code 11, these licences were converted to EC
COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES	EB Also authorises B	Articulated vehicle up to 3 500 kg GCM  Rigid vehicle up to 3 500 kg GVM drawing a trailer above 750 kg GVM  	Code 08
	EC1 Also authorises B, C1 and EB	Articulated vehicle up to 16 000 kg* GCM  Rigid vehicle above 3 500 kg up to 16 000 kg GVM drawing a trailer above 750 kg GVM 	Codes 09 and 10, issued after 1985
	EC Also authorises B, C1, C, EB and EC1	Articulated vehicle above 16 000 kg GCM  Rigid vehicle above 16 000 kg GVM drawing a trailer above 750 kg GVM   	Code 10, issued prior to 1986 and Codes 11, 13 and 14

* This is a DoT error, yet to be corrected and should read 25 000 kg

THE LICENCE CARD



- Driver's Name
- Driver's ID No
- Birth date
- Control No
- Period of validity of card
- Country of issue
- Categories
- Vehicle restrictions
 - 0 = None
 - 1 = Automatic transmission
 - 2 = Electrically powered
 - 3 = Physically disabled
 - 4 = Bus above 16 000 kg GVM (on EC1 licence)
 - 5 = Tractor only (on B licence)
 - 7 = Mobile equipment only (on B licence)

- Country of issue
- Symbol of country of issue
- Driver restrictions
 - 0 = None
 - 1 = Glasses/contact lenses
 - 2 = Artificial limb
- PROFESSIONAL DRIVING PERMIT
 - G = Goods
 - P = Passenger
 - D = Dangerous goods

Driver's signature

PrDP expiry date

Date issued (Unfortunately, these are not the dates of original qualification but the first date of issue of the licence in credit card format)

LEARNER'S CODES

CODE	VEHICLE TYPE
1	Motor cycle
2	Light motor vehicle (up to 3 500 kg GVM)
3	Heavy motor vehicle

LICENCE GROUPS

GROUP	VEHICLE TYPE
A	Motor cycle
B	Light motor vehicle (up to 3 500 kg GVM)
C	Heavy motor vehicle
E	Combinations, including articulated vehicles

PrDP CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	VEHICLE TYPE
G	Goods vehicle (non-dangerous goods) and breakdown vehicle
P	Buses seating more than 12 passengers, taxis and any vehicle carrying more than 12 (it also authorises driving category G vehicles)
D	Vehicles transporting dangerous goods (it also authorises the driving of category P and G vehicles)

FOREIGN LICENCES

VISITORS [National Road Traffic Act, 1996, sect 23 (1) and reg 110]
Visitors to South Africa may use a valid international driving permit or their foreign driving licence providing it remains valid in the country of issue and contains (or has attached to it) a photograph and signature of the holder. If in a foreign language, a certificate of authenticity or translation must also be attached.

PrDP REQUIREMENT [National Road Traffic Act 1996, sect 32(3)]
An international driving permit or foreign driving licence does not authorise the driving of a vehicle which requires a PrDP (see chart on the left). The equivalent of a PrDP issued to a driver resident in a neighbouring country is accepted.

MINIMUM AGE LIMITS

VEHICLE TYPE	AGE
Motor cycle up to 125 cc's	16 years
Motor cycle above 125 cc's	18 years
Learner's licence for light vehicles (Code 2)	17 years
PrDP to carry goods only (G)	18 years
PrDP to carry passengers (P)	21 years
PrDP to carry dangerous goods (D)	25 years
All other licences	18 years

DO YOU NEED A PrDP?

