

## Driver's License

In order to drive a car or motorcycle in Switzerland one is required to have a license. Foreign licences must be converted after moving to Switzerland.

### Foreign License

Persons moving to Switzerland who are in possession of a drivers' license (Führerausweis) must have it converted to a Swiss driver's license within 12 months. In order to do so a request must be submitted to the cantonal traffic office (Strassenverkehrsamt). Depending on the country of origin different rules may apply. A driving test or theory exam may be necessary. For higher categories such as trucks (C, C1), buses (D, D1), or professional passenger transport (BPT), a medical examination must be carried out before exchanging a foreign driver's license. The Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden traffic office will provide further information.

### Driving Exam

An exam is required in order to obtain a driver's license in Switzerland. The exam includes theory and practice. One must be at least 17 years old to take the exam. The theoretical exam can be taken in the canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden in German, French, Italian, and English. Information regarding requirements and procedures will be provided by the traffic office. Operating trucks, buses, and taxis requires special exams.

### Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

[www.hallo-ar.ch/en/mobility/drivers-license](http://www.hallo-ar.ch/en/mobility/drivers-license)