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Dear ██████████

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 21 July 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I will respond to each part of your request in turn as follows:

*Just wanted obtain most recent information in relation to driver's licence digitalisation project. Could you please let me know what has been done in this area since September 2022, and what is the current status.*

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has identified a Digital Driver Licence as a priority. We are underway with examining possible solutions and learning from other countries, and what that may mean in a New Zealand context. However, it may be several years before a Digital Driver Licence system is able to be implemented in New Zealand as we believe that a change in legislation is required.

Current legal requirements for the form (i.e. the design and layout), issuing and use of a Driver Licence are mandated in the Land Transport Act 1998 and Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999.

A timeline is not presently available as no legislative amendment programme has yet been agreed with Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport or the Minister of Transport.

*Has NZTA consulted with Apple Inc in terms of having having the same version as the one in certain states of the United States? (<https://support.apple.com/en-nz/HT212940>)*

Waka Kotahi intends to consult with Apple, but this has not occurred yet.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact us by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Maguire', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Liz Maguire**  
Chief Digital Officer