

MINO-1029 International driver licences [LINES]

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Provide information on the possibility of extending expiry dates for people from overseas using their international driver licence in New Zealand.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) response:

Operating on an overseas driver licence

- There is no work that NZTA is aware of relating to the extension of operating on an overseas driver licence beyond 12 months.
- Currently, anyone who is driving on their overseas licence is subject to [Section 88 of the Land Transport \(Driver Licensing\) Rule 1999](#), which outlines that a person may drive in New Zealand on their overseas licence until the first of the following occurs:
 - The person has remained in New Zealand for a continuous period of 12 months; or
 - The overseas driver licence expires, is suspended or revoked; or
 - An order is made disqualifying the person from holding or obtaining a driver licence, either in New Zealand or in the jurisdiction that granted the overseas driver licence or permit; or
 - The person obtains or renews a New Zealand driver licence.
- Please note, the continuous 12-month period that a person is able to drive on an overseas driver licence is taken from their last date of entry into New Zealand. Should the person leave the country during that timeframe, their 12-month period will begin once more from the date of their return.

Work being done to alleviate pressure on driver licensing system

- NZTA is aware that driver licensing wait times are a challenge at the moment.
- NZTA is exploring a number of operational interventions internally and with our key service delivery providers, including in the overseas conversions space, that may help to alleviate pressure across the system.

Noted by Minister ☐