FOR LICENSE

In India As per Motor Vehicle Act 1988, No person shall drive(Ride) a motor vehicle in any public place unless he holds a valid driving (Riding) license issued to him to drive a vehicle of authorized category by the by individual state via their Regional Transport Authorities or Offices.

For Citizens of India

Procedure to get a license to Ride:

- Age Limit to Ride A Motor Bike Less than 50 cc without gear is 16 years.
- Age Limit to Ride A Motor Bike with Gear n higher than 50cc is 18 years.

First apply for a Learner's License

For obtaining a Learner's License, you will need to apply in the prescribed format to the Local Transport Office in your region.

- Along with your passport-sized photographs.
- Proof of your age, residence and citizenship.
- Declaration of medical fitness and the required fee.

After verification of your documents, you will have to go through the Learner's Test (Help Available). Usually a handbook of traffic rules, signs and regulations is provided with the application form. On passing the Learner's Test, you will be issued a Learner's License. If you fail the test, you will be given a chance to take the test again.

Permanent License:

For obtaining a Permanent License, you must have

- A valid Learner's License, and must apply after 30 days and within 180 days of issue of the Learner's License.
- You should be conversant about vehicle systems, driving and Traffic rules regulations.
- You will be put through a driving test, for which you must bring a vehicle with you.

On passing the test, you will be issued a Permanent Driving License.

To prepare yourself and get ready for both the tests, always consider Hero for help.

For Foreign Citizens

Policies on driving in India with a foreign driving license vary from state to state. It is therefore advisable for holders of foreign driving licenses to either obtain an international driving permit (IDP) from their home country or to apply for a permanent driving license.

An IDP is the best option for those who plan to stay in India for a short duration because it is valid for one year. It also allows the holder to drive a vehicle between states. After the IDP expires, a permanent license is required.

Those who plan to stay for longer than a year should immediately apply for a permanent driving license. Holders of a foreign driving license or an IDP can obtain a permanent license at a regional RTO/RTA after passing a written test. A driving test is not required for holders of an IDP or foreign driving license. Aside from this policy, the RTO/RTA does not distinguish between foreign passport holders and Indian nationals who apply for a permanent license.

Driving lessons are not required to obtain a permanent license for operating motorcycles and light motor vehicles. It is still a good idea to enroll in a driving school in order to get accustomed to India's chaotic traffic. The RTO/RTA can provide a list of reputable driving schools.