



Renewing driver licence endorsements

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THIS factsheet explains what drivers need to do to renew their driver licence endorsements.

Full details of the requirements for renewing driver licence endorsements can be found in the *Driver Licensing Rule 1999* and subsequent amendments.

The renewal process

If your address details with Land Transport New Zealand are correct, you'll be sent a reminder notice before your endorsement is due to expire. (You should follow the renewal process described below whether you receive a reminder or not.)

To renew your endorsement/s:

- go to the nearest Land Transport New Zealand *driver licensing agent* (the Automobile Association, Vehicle Testing New Zealand, Vehicle Inspection New Zealand or On Road New Zealand)
- present your pre-printed application form (or fill in a form while you are there)
- present any supporting information required (primary and secondary ID, a course certificate if renewing a D-endorsement, a medical certificate if required)
- pay the fee
- have your eyesight checked
- have your photo taken
- write your signature onto the electronic pad.

Your renewed driver licence should arrive in the mail within 2-3 weeks. However, if you've applied for a P, V, I or O-endorsement, allow 4-6 weeks (because of the need to carry out the 'fit and proper person' check).

Medical certificates

You need to present a medical certificate if you:

- are 75 years of age or over

- are renewing a P, V, I, or O-endorsement and have not provided a medical certificate for classes 2 to 5 or endorsements P, V, I or O in the last five years
- have a medical condition that affects your ability to drive and your medical condition has worsened (or a new condition has been diagnosed) since your last medical certificate was presented
- are requested to by Land Transport New Zealand (regardless of when you last presented a medical certificate).

A medical certificate must be from a registered medical practitioner and dated no more than 60 days before the date of your application.

F, R, T or W-endorsements

These endorsements expire and are renewed at the same time as your photo driver licence.

If you receive a pre-printed renewal form, it will indicate that these endorsements are to be renewed. If you are filling in a renewal form yourself, indicate on the renewal form that you wish to continue to hold your F, R, T or W-endorsement.

P, V, I or O-endorsements

You'll need to begin the renewal process in *plenty of time*. If the renewal process isn't completed when your endorsement expires, you won't be legally entitled to provide the service your endorsement allows and this could jeopardise your employment.

Please note:

- If your renewal is granted more than 60 days before the expiry of your existing endorsement, your new endorsement will expire on the anniversary of the date the renewal is granted.
- If your renewal is granted less than 60 days before the expiry of your existing endorsement, your new endorsement will expire on the anniversary of the date of the expiry of your existing endorsement.

- If your renewal is granted after the expiry of your existing endorsement, your new endorsement will expire on the anniversary of the date the renewal is granted.

D-endorsements

If you hold a D-endorsement, you are required to keep up to date with developments in the field and need to allow time to complete an approved dangerous goods course.

Apply for your D-endorsement renewal soon after you complete the course (your certificate won't be accepted if it is dated more than 60 days before your application).

D-endorsements are valid for five years.

Fees

There are no renewal fees for F, R, T or W-endorsements.

When renewing a P, V, I or O-endorsement, you have the option of obtaining that endorsement for one or five years. Different fees are payable depending on the term you choose. The fees are set out below.

Fees for endorsement renewals

Please note: This information does *not* include any course fees you may be required to pay.

Passenger endorsement (P)

	Endorsement	ID card	Vetting	Total
One year, small	\$63.20	\$8.50	\$28.20	\$99.90
Five years, small	\$256.90	\$8.50	\$141.00	\$406.40
One year, large only	\$63.20	—	—	\$63.20
Five years, large only	\$256.90	—	\$28.20*	\$285.10

*Drivers of only large passenger service vehicles pay the vetting fee *once every five years*.

Vehicle recovery endorsement (V)

	Endorsement	ID card	Vetting	Total
One year	\$63.20	\$8.50	\$28.20	\$99.90
Five years	\$256.90	\$8.50	\$141.00	\$406.40

Driving instructor endorsement (I)

	Endorsement	ID card	Vetting	Total
One year	\$70.65	—	\$28.20	\$98.85
Five years	\$273.50	—	\$141.00	\$414.50

Testing officer endorsement (O)

	Endorsement	ID card	Vetting	Total
One year	\$70.65	—	\$28.20	\$98.85
Five years	\$273.50	—	\$141.00	\$414.50

Dangerous goods endorsement (D)

Five years	\$37.20			
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The fees for annual renewal are more expensive because of the higher costs of managing an annual validation system, additional agency handling costs and the fact that each year a new licence card must be produced.

Multiple endorsement holders

If you hold multiple endorsements (P, V, I or O), and wish to renew two or more endorsements, you'll only have to pay one renewal fee and one vetting fee, as well as an ID card fee (if applicable). The highest of the relevant fees will be charged. This will, however, renew all the P, V, I or O-endorsements you hold.

The fees will still vary depending on whether you wish to hold the endorsements for one or five years.

Where you can find out more

- Visit our website:
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- Call our Driver Licensing Call Centre:
(freephone) 0800 822 422.
- Write to us:
Land Transport New Zealand, PO Box 2840, Wellington.

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