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THE VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND AGE ENTITLEMENTS FOR DRIVING

Please note: MAM = Maximum Authorised Mass – the weight of the motor vehicle or trailer when laden with the heaviest load it is constructed or adapted to carry.

Cat	Vehicle	Description	Age
P	Any 2 or 3 wheeled vehicle	Engine not exceeding 50cc or electric engine having a maximum continuous rated power not exceeding 4kw.	14
A1	Light motorcycle (with or without side-car)	Max speed over 50km/h OR less than 125cc and power not exceeding 11kw but one year's experience with Full category P required before issue of full A1 licence to applicants under 17 years.	16
A	Heavy Motorcycle (with or without side-car)	Over 125cc, but one year's experience with Full category A1 required before issue of full A licence to applicants under 18 years.	17
B1	Motor tricycle or quadricycle	Max weight (unladen) 550kg (not including battery mass in the case of electrically propelled); and a max speed exceeding 50 km/h OR exceeding 50cc or any other engine of equivalent power.	17
B	Car/small goods vehicle	MAM not exceeding 3500kg and up to 8 seats in addition to the driver. Trailer up to 750kg MAM or combination of vehicle and trailer not exceeding 3500kg MAM with trailer MAM not exceeding the unladen mass of the motor vehicle.	17
BE	Passenger vehicle/small goods vehicle + trailer	Trailer over 750kg MAM	17
C1	Medium goods vehicle	Max weight 7500kg MAM and has a minimum authorised mass exceeding 3500kg. Trailer up to 750kg MAM.	18
C1E	Medium goods vehicle + trailer	Trailer over 750kg MAM up to the max weight for combination of 12000kg Max laden mass of trailer not to exceed unladen mass of the motor vehicle.	18
C	Large goods vehicle	MAM exceeding 7500kg.	21
CE	Large goods vehicle + trailer	Trailer over 750kg MAM.	21
D1	Minibus	Up to 16 seats in addition to the driver. Trailer up to 750kg MAM.	18

D1E	Minibus + trailer	Trailer over 750kg MAM up to max weight for combination of 12000kg. Max laden mass of the motor vehicle and not to be used for the transport of persons.	18
D	Large passenger carrying vehicle	Over 16 seats in addition to the driver. Trailer up to 750kg MAM.	21
DE	Large passenger carrying vehicle + trailer	Trailer over 750kg MAM	21
F	Agricultural tractor	A tractor used primarily for work on land in connection with agriculture, horticulture, market gardening and forestry. With or without trailer.	17
G	Road repairing machine		17
L	Electrically propelled vehicle	Max weight 3500kg.	17

Additional Information

Passenger Carrying Vehicles – A separate Public Service Vehicle permit must be obtained from Driver & Vehicle Licensing before you may drive any passenger-carrying vehicle for a public service.