

Information for Aliens on Receiving Georgian and International Driving License:

Order №598 of the Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia, of 1 August 2012 Tbilisi, On Approval of Rules and Conditions on Conducting Vehicle Driving Tests, Granting Driving License, Renewing Deprived or Terminated (Abolished) Driving License, Issuing (Including, Exchanging and Renewing) and Abolishing Driving License, Tram Driving License and International Driving License, Running Driving Licenses Issuing Registry, as well as on Exchanging and Recognizing a Document that Confirms Vehicle Driving License Issued by Foreign Country

➤ **RECEIVING GEORGIAN DRIVER'S LICENSE BY ALIENS**

Article 49. Rules on Validity in Territory of Georgia and on Exchange of Driving License Issued by Foreign Country to Citizens of Foreign Countries or Stateless Persons

1. A citizen of a foreign country or a stateless person, being a holder of a driving license issued by a foreign country, shall have the right to:

a) Participate as a driver in road traffic in the territory of Georgia, before expiration of the validity of a driving license issued by a foreign country, but for no more than 1 year upon his/her last entry into Georgia;

b) Exchange a driving license issued by a foreign country with the equivalent category and/or sub-category of the national driving license of unified sample that confirms a vehicle driving license, without passing driving tests, but not later than the expiration of the validity of an exchanged driving license.

2. In order to exchange a driving license issued by a foreign country, a citizen of a foreign country or a stateless person shall submit:

a) An application;

b) A passport or a residence permit;

c) A driving license issued by a foreign country, that is to be exchanged;

d) A confirmation of a driving license;

e) A document confirming registration or temporary registration in Georgia, or a document confirming the place of residence, envisaged by Paragraph 4 of Article 44 of the present Rules¹;

¹ A document confirming the place of residence, envisaged by Paragraph 4 of Article 44 of the present Rules:

f) A document confirming the payment of fees.

3. Agency² shall be authorized to request a certificate on health conditions from the person concerned, in addition to the documents envisaged by Paragraph 2 of this Article, if there is the circumstance envisaged by Article 23 of the present Rules³.

4. Diplomatic members of foreign countries in Georgia shall submit, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, a copy of an accreditation card and a letter from a consular post indicating the place of residence, in addition to the documents envisaged by Paragraph 2 of this Article (except for a residence permit).

5. In case the documents submitted in accordance with Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article do not include the full information necessary for providing service, Agency shall have the right to request submitting additional documents, envisaged by the legislation, from the person concerned, for the purposes of clarifying the circumstance to be checked.

6. A driving license issued by a foreign country to a citizen of a foreign country and a stateless person shall not be exchanged, if:

a) Validity of a driving license issued by a foreign country, submitted for the exchange, has been expired;

b) There is the circumstance envisaged by the Georgian legislation, which at the moment of requesting prohibits a person to drive a vehicle;

c) The Georgian legislation does not envisage the vehicle driving license of the category/sub-category equivalent to the one indicated in a driving license issued by a foreign country, or envisages only a certain one from the categories/sub-categories determined by the license and the person concerned refuses to receive a driving license of less category/sub-category;

d) The person concerned has not ensured the submission of all documents envisaged by the legislation;

... [I]f a person does not have the place of registration or of temporary registration, or he/she is registered without indicating address, the following shall be indicated as the place of residence:

a) Address of the house under his/her ownership in the territory of Georgia;

b) Place of registration of an adult registered in a specific address in Georgia, on the basis of a written consent.

² Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia - a legal entity of public law.

³ The circumstance envisaged by Article 23 of the present Rules:

a) A person renews a driving license, being suspended due to deterioration of health conditions;

b) A person realizes his/her right after renewal of the right being deprived on the basis of the Law of Georgia "On Fight against Drug-Related Crime".

c) A person is subjected to administrative punishment for illegal purchase or keeping without the purpose of sale of drugs of small amount, and/or use of drugs without the doctor prescription;

d) There is the circumstance envisaged by the Code on Administrative Offences of Georgia, when a person is allowed to take driving tests on the basis of diagnostics made by a medical institution, confirming the fact of non-existence of narcotic diseases.

e) There is the information in an electronic form or the form of hard copy, protected at the Agency on granting to a person the status of a person with disabilities.

f) A person could not pass the electronic test of colour vision.

e) There is the circumstance envisaged by an international agreement concluded by Georgia, which limits the exchange of a driver's license issued abroad;

f) There are other cases envisaged by the legislation.

7. A driving license issued by a foreign country, having been exchanged in accordance with the rules determined by this Article, shall be returned to the holder together with the national driving license of unified sample, also an exchanged license shall have no legal force in the territory of Georgia.

➤ INTERNATIONAL DRIVING LICENSE

Article 42. Rules on Issuance of International Driving License

1. An international driving license shall be issued to citizens of Georgia, citizens of foreign countries and stateless persons, on the basis of a driving license, with the equivalent categories/sub-categories of a driving license, and shall be applicable beyond the boundaries of Georgia, in the territory of the member states of the 8 November 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic, in accordance with the established rules.

2. An international driving license shall be a document created in accordance with Annex 7 of the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic.

3. In order to receive an international driving license, the person concerned shall submit to the Examination Authority⁴:

a) An application;

b) A national driving license of unified sample;

c) An identification document⁵;

d) A document confirming the payment of fees.

4. An international driving license, issued for a limited term on the basis of the national driving license of unified sample, shall be issued for the same term but for no longer than 3 years.

5. A lost, damaged or expired international driving license shall be replaced by issuing a new one.

6. Exchange of an international driving license issued by a foreign country and damaged by the Agency, or in case of losing – its renewal, shall be prohibited.

⁴ Examination Authority of the Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.

⁵ Article 2(p) of the present Rules: An identity document . . .

p.b) In case of aliens or stateless persons – a residence certificate or a passport.

➤ **IN CASES OF PERSONS WITH DUAL CITIZENSHIP**

Article 29. Validity and Rules on Exchange of Driving License Issued by Foreign Country to Citizens of Georgia

2. A citizen of a foreign country, being a holder of a driving license issued by a foreign country, who has also been granted the citizenship of Georgia, shall have the right to:

a) Participate as a driver in road traffic in the territory of Georgia, before expiration of the validity of a driving license issued by a foreign country;

b) Exchange a driving license issued by a foreign country with the equivalent category and/or sub-category of the national driving license of unified sample that confirms a vehicle driving license, without passing driving tests, but not later than the expiration of the validity of an exchanged driving license.