

## Extend driving licence

If you already hold a driver's license and would like to extend it by another driver's license (class), an application is required. The application is usually made through your driving school. If the application is not submitted through your driving school, we are available to you by phone at 0421-361 12435 or by e-mail at [fuehrerscheinstelle@buergeramt.bremen.de](mailto:fuehrerscheinstelle@buergeramt.bremen.de) for further inquiries.

Note for driving schools: please refer to our information for driving schools under the heading Competent Authorities "Driving Licenses".

### Competent Department

- [Fahrerlaubnisse](#)
- [Bürgeramt](#)

### Basic information

The driving license is issued for the respective class if the applicant:

- has his or her normal place of residence in the country,
- has reached the required minimum age:
  - 25 years for direct access to class A
  - 21 years for classes D, D1, DE or D1E
  - 18 years for class A with access in stages and for classes B, BE, C, C1, CE or C1E
  - 16 years for classes A1, L, M and T
- is qualified to drive motor vehicles
- has been trained to drive motor vehicles in accordance with the Driving Instructor Act and the legislation based on it,
- has demonstrated the ability to drive motor vehicles in a theoretical and practical examination,
- has mastered the basic principles of caring for road traffic accident victims or is able to administer first aid,
- meets the requirements for eyesight
- does not hold a driving license for this category issued in a member state of the European Union or in another state party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area
- and proves the fulfillment of the requirements accordingly.

### Requirements

- Application to the driving license authority (usually carried out by the driving school)
- Examination of the documents by the authority
- Obtaining of register information (central traffic register), zT certificate of good conduct

- Issuance of a test order to the TÜV (Technical Inspection Agency)
- Issuance of the driving license by handing out the driving license (within the scope of the practical examination by the TÜV)

The TÜV returns test orders to the driving license authority if

- the theoretical test is not passed within twelve months of receipt of the test order,
- the practical test has not been passed within twelve months of passing the theoretical test, or
- in cases where no theoretical test is required, the practical test has not been passed within twelve months of receipt of the test order.
- An extension is not possible. A new application must be submitted.

## What documents do I need?

- 1. for all classes:
  - Identity card or passport
  - if applicable, registration certificate
  - Photograph that complies with the provisions of the passport regulation
  - Previous original driving licence
- 2. for Class A, A1, A2, AM, L, T, B, BE in addition to 1:
  - Proof of participation in a training course in 1. help
  - Vision test certificate (not older than 2 years)
- 3. for Class C1, C1E, C, CE, D1, D1E, D and DE in addition to 1:
  - Proof of training in 1.help,
  - certificate or report on visual acuity (not older than 2 years)
  - certificate or report on physical and mental aptitude
- 4. for classes D1, D1E, D and DE in addition to 1. and 3:
  - Expert opinion on special requirements
  - certificate of good conduct type O (can be applied for at the driving licence authority)
- Important information about the photo booths in all offices of the Citizen's Office:
  - The machines are operated by outside companies and often do not work. It cannot be guaranteed that passport photos can be taken on site. We advise you to bring passport photos to the appointment.

## Procedure

### Legal bases

- [§§ 2, 2a, 6a Straßenverkehrsgesetz \(StVG\)](#)
- [§§ 6-12, 15-19, 21-25 Fahrerlaubnis-Verordnung \(FeV\)](#)

- [Gebührenordnung für Maßnahmen im Straßenverkehr \(GebOST\)](#)

## More information

More detailed information can be obtained from the driving license authority.

Until the expiry of two years from the date of issue, Class A only entitles the holder to drive motorcycles with a rated power of no more than 25 kW and a power/empty weight ratio of no more than 0.16 kW/kg. Derogation: Class A is issued upon reaching the age of 25.

A driving license for classes C, C1, D or D1 may only be issued if the applicant already possesses class B or has fulfilled the requirements for its issue; in this case, the driving license for the higher class may be issued at the earliest with the driving license for class B.

Class E may only be issued if the applicant already holds the driving license for the towing vehicle or has fulfilled the requirements for its issuance; in this case, class E may be issued at the earliest with the driving license for the towing vehicle.

A driving license is not required for driving the following motor vehicles, but a test certificate is required:

- Single-track, single-seat bicycles with an auxiliary motor up to 25 km/h (mopeds
- special seats for carrying children under seven years of age may be fitted).
- Electronic mobility aids as defined by the Mobility Aids Ordinance (MobHV).

Neither a driver's license nor a test certificate is required for the following vehicles:

- Motorized ambulances, single-seater motor vehicles designed for use by physically disabled persons with:
  - electric drive
  - an unladen weight of not more than 300 kg including batteries but without a driver
  - a maximum permissible mass of not more than 500 kg
  - a maximum speed determined by the design of not more than 15 km/h
  - a width overall of not more than 110 cm.
- There are transitional provisions and special regulations for older motorized ambulance vehicles with a maximum speed of more than 10 km/h (test certificate requirement).
- Tractors designed for use in agriculture or forestry, self-propelled work machines, forklifts and other industrial trucks, each with a maximum speed determined by the design of no more than 6 km/h, as well as single-axle tractors and work machines guided by pedestrians on bars.

In the case of a first-time extension of a driving license in categories L, M or T to one of the other categories, the driving license of the category to which the extension is made is issued on a probationary basis.

Anyone who carries out journeys for commercial purposes (this also includes works transport and transport assistance activities) on public roads with the following motor vehicles::

- Vehicles with a maximum permissible mass greater than 3.5 tons (driving license class C1, C1E, C, CE),
- vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats in passenger transport (driving license of classes D1, D1E, D, DE)
- must, if the classes
- D1, D1E, D, DE from 10.9.08 and the classes
- C1, C1E, C, CE have been acquired as of 10.09.09,

prove the basic qualification according to the Professional Driver Qualification Act (BKrFQG) and the Professional Driver Qualification Ordinance (Berufskraftfahrer-Qualifikations-Verordnung) and have it entered in the driver's license with the code number 95. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for details.

#### Examination in foreign languages

The theoretical examination must always be taken in German. It is based on questions. For applicants who cannot read or write sufficiently, there is the possibility of being tested orally in German, if necessary with audio support. If the applicant refuses this, the examination will take place in writing. The oral examination must correspond to the written examination in terms of content and scope. A deaf interpreter must be allowed for the examination of deaf persons. The examination of class B and the examination of only the basic material in the other classes (including moped) may also be taken in writing in the following foreign languages:

English, French, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Turkish.

### **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

Driving licences for categories A, A1, B, S, BE, L, M and T are issued for an unlimited period.

Driving licences for categories C1, C1E are issued for the first time until the applicant reaches the age of 50; after the applicant reaches the age of 45, they are issued for a further five years in each case, subject to presentation of appropriate proof of suitability.

Driving licences for categories C, CE, D, D1, DE and D1E are issued for five years in each case on presentation of appropriate proof of suitability. Classes D, D1, DE and D1E can only be renewed beyond the age of 50 if the applicant also proves that they meet the "special requirements".

### **How long does it take to process**

4-6 weeks

## **What are the costs?**

49,70 EUR with trial period; incl. direct mailing by Bundesdruckerei

48,90 EUR without probationary period, classes L, M, S, T; incl. direct dispatch by Bundesdruckerei