

## 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 category if the applicant

- has his/her normal place of residence in Switzerland,
- has reached the required minimum age:
  - 25 years for direct access to category A
  - 21 years for categories D, D1, DE or D1E
  - 18 years for category A with access in stages and for categories B, BE, C, C1, CE or C1E
  - 16 years for categories A1, L, M and T
- is suitable for driving motor vehicles,
- has been trained to drive motor vehicles in accordance with the Driving Instructors Act and the legislation based on it,
- has demonstrated the ability to drive motor vehicles in a theoretical and practical test,
- has mastered the basics of caring for people injured in road traffic accidents or can provide first aid,
- meets the requirements for eyesight,
- does not hold a driving license in this category issued in a member state of the European Union or another state party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area
- and can prove that they meet the requirements accordingly.

### Requirements

- Application to the driving license authority (usually made by the driving school)
- Examination of the documents by the authority

- Obtaining information from the register (central traffic register), partly certificate of good conduct
- Issuing a test order to the TÜV
- Issue of the driving license by handing over the driving license (as part of the practical test by the TÜV)

The TÜV returns test orders to the driving license authority if

- the theoretical test has not been passed within twelve months of receipt of the test order,
- the practical test is not passed within twelve months of passing the theory test, or
- in cases where no theory 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
  - Certificate of registration, if applicable
  - passport photo
    - According to the specifications of the photo sample table
  - Previous original driver's license
- 2. for categories A, A1, A2, AM, L, T, B, BE in addition to 1:
  - Proof of participation in a 1st aid training course
  - Eye test certificate (not older than 2 years)
- 3. for categories C1, C1E, C, CE, D1, D1E, D and DE in addition to 1...:
  - Proof of training in 1st aid,
  - Certificate or report on eyesight (not older than 2 years)
  - Certificate or expert opinion on physical and mental aptitude
- 4. for categories D1, D1E, D and DE in addition to 1. and 3:
  - Expert opinion on special requirements
  - Certificate of good conduct of document type O (can also be applied for at the driving license 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.

Class A 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 for a period of two years after issue. Deviation: Category A is issued on completion of the 25th year of age.

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

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

A test certificate is required for driving the following motor vehicles instead of a driving license:

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

Neither a driving license nor a test certificate is required for the following vehicles:

- Motorized medical wheelchairs, single-seater motor vehicles designed for use by physically disabled persons with:
  - electric drive
  - an unladen weight of no more than 300 kg including batteries but without driver
  - a maximum permissible mass of no more than 500 kg
  - a maximum speed of no more than 15 km/h as determined by the design
  - an overall width of no more than 110 cm.
- There are transitional provisions and special regulations (test certificate requirement) for older motorized medical wheelchairs with a speed of more than 10 km/h.
- Tractors that are designed for agricultural or forestry purposes, self-propelled work machines, forklifts and other industrial trucks with a maximum speed of no more than 6 km/h as determined by their design, as well as single-axle tractors and work machines that are guided by pedestrians on handrails.

When a driving license for categories L, M or T is extended to one of the other categories for the first time, the driving license for the category to which it is extended is issued on a probationary basis.

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

- Vehicles with a maximum permissible mass greater than 3.5 tons (category C1, C1E, C, CE driving license),
- Vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats in passenger transport (category D1, D1E, D, DE driving license)
- must, if the categories
- D1, D1E, D, DE from 10.9.08 and classes

- C1, C1E, C, CE were acquired from 10.09.09,

provide proof of the basic qualification in accordance with the Professional Drivers Qualification Act (BKrFQG) and the Professional Drivers Qualification Ordinance and have it entered in the driver's license with the key number 95. Ask the Chamber of Commerce for details.

#### Examination in foreign languages

The theoretical examination must always be taken in German. It is based on questions. Applicants who cannot read or write sufficiently have the option of being tested orally in German, with audio support if necessary. If the applicant declines this option, 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 permitted for the examination of deaf persons. The class B examination and the examination of only the basic material in the other classes (including mopeds) can 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 licenses 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 weeks bis 6 weeks

### **What are the costs?**

50,90 EUR with trial period; incl. direct mailing by Bundesdruckerei

50,10 EUR without probationary period, classes L, M, S, T; incl. direct dispatch by Bundesdruckerei