

# Learning to drive in Cyprus

**Please note that if you are under 18, you cannot drive in Cyprus, even if you have passed your driving test**

## **European Citizens.**

You must be 18 years of age, and the holder of a valid passport, and proof of six months residency.

## **Non European Citizens.**

You must be 18 years of age, the holder of a valid residency permit (alien card), and have proof of six months residency to apply for a licence.

You can apply for a residency permit by completing a form which is available from the immigration office. This needs to be returned on the day of your appointment with birth certificate, passport and 2 passport sized photos, and any other documents that they request.

You also need proof that you have lived in Cyprus for at least 6 months.

## ***PROOF OF 6 MONTHS RESIDENCY***

Valid forms of proof are, date on your residency card, utility bill, Social Security payments from 6 months ago, any paperwork or letters from an official government body from 6 months ago or a school certificate or letter from a school located in Cyprus. All of these things need to be dated at least 6 months before you apply. For proof not listed, please [contact us](#) and we will be happy to check if what you have is valid.

You also need to take your passport with you.

## **The provisional licence**

### **The Cost & How to Apply.**

The current cost of a provisional licence is €8.54, you need to complete a short verbal theory test at the road transport department at a cost of €5.13.

**The total cost of applying for a Cypriot provisional and the theory test is €13.67**

**A driving instructor will charge 40-50 Euros to take you, this includes them checking your paperwork, filling in the paperwork, and testing you on your signs.**

**It can take 3-4 hours depending on the amount of people waiting to do the test.**

The theory test is similar to the old UK test which involved the examiner showing you pictures and asking questions from the highway code book consists of ten to fifteen verbal questions on the highway code, all of the questions are taken from a book called "**Learning how to Drive the complete guide to passing your test in Cyprus**" which is available as an eBook from our site [www.romanosdrivingschool.com](http://www.romanosdrivingschool.com) at a cost of 3 Euros

### **UK provisional holders.**

New information for UK Provisional licence holders,

You are now able to start learning to drive on your UK provisional licence. After you have lived in Cyprus six months, you need to exchange your UK provisional licence for a Cypriot provisional licence, before you are able to take the driving test.

### **The Driving Test**

During the driving test the examiner will give you directions which you should follow. Test routes are designed to be as uniform as possible and will include a range of typical road and traffic conditions. During the test, the examiner will ask you to carry out set exercises.

Throughout the test you should drive in the way your instructor has taught you. If you make a mistake, don't worry about it, it might be a less serious driving fault and may not affect your result. Panicking will only result in more mistakes. The examiner will be looking for an overall safe standard of driving. There is no set marking criteria and

whether you pass or fail will be based on your overall standard of driving.

The test will include a few further questions from the "**LEARNING HOW TO DRIVE THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO PASSING YOUR TEST IN CYPRUS**" eBook, and you will need to demonstrate how to check that your indicators and brake lights are working correctly. There will also be an eyesight test, you will be asked to read a number plate from a distance.

You will then be examined on your general driving and on two, or possibly three maneuver exercises. The maneuver exercises will be chosen from:

- reversing around a corner (Left Or Right)
- turning in the road
- Parallel Park

You may also be asked to carry out an emergency stop exercise.

**The test route may consist of some motorway driving**

The cost of the test is:

**€10.25 for a morning test.**

**€44.42 for an afternoon test.**

**An instructor will charge 90-100 Euros for a driving test.**

**TESTS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE WITHIN 3 WEEKS**

However, **you may be able to take your test sooner** by taking an **afternoon test**; the fee is higher, as it includes €34.17 paid to the examiner for working out of office hours.

A standard driving test takes around 35 minutes.