

DRIVE AUSTRALIA



Everything you need to know about buying renting and registering cars as well as Useful apps, and the best bits of the East Coast.

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Important Car Buying Information

When does the car registration expire?

If the registration on the car is expiring soon, you will need to register the car which can cost more than \$1000 for a year and involves a few steps. It is also a **lot easier to sell a car that has a few months of registration remaining**, so do keep this in mind.

What state is the car registered in?

Each state in Australia has different laws and regulations for registering a car and transferring the ownership of a vehicle. It can be quite complicated as most states require you to be in the state of registration to change the ownership. It is a lot easier to buy and sell a car in the state where the car is registered in (except W.A which can be done by post).

How many the kilometers has the car done?

Australia is a big country and chances are you will be driving long distances. Try to avoid vehicles that have done in excess of 250,000 to 300,000 km.

What condition is the car in?

Is there any damage to the car? It is strongly recommended to have the car checked by a mechanic prior to purchasing. For around \$150, you can easily get a thorough inspection of the important aspects of the car. Here is a mechanic in Sydney -

Foxman Auto Services, 15 Avoca St, Randwick, NSW 2031, 02 9314 6199

Are there any fines or penalties owing on the car?

By completing a REVS check you can see if there are any outstanding fines or penalties that may apply to the vehicle you are looking at. Do not proceed with buying a car if there is any money or fines owing on the vehicle. <http://www.revscheck.com.au/>

You will need to get these numbers from the car:

- **Vehicle Identifications Number (VIN) or chassis number.**
- **Engine Number**
- **Registration Number**

Make sure you get them from the car itself and write them down carefully, as you must get the correct details. You should check that they match the details on the car's registration papers. You can do your own REVS enquiry online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.ppsr.gov.au and it costs about \$10.

Car insurance and road side assistance?

These companies offer car insurance for working holiday visa holders – **NRMA, Commbank and AAMI**. For an additional fee, state-based motoring organizations provide roadside service assistance throughout Australia. However, be aware that many roadside assistance companies will only cover you within a certain distance of a city or your home. So read all the conditions carefully.

- If you do not have an INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENSE you must have a certified translation to legally drive in Australia

Useful car buying websites

www.gumtree.com.au

www.carsales.com.au

www.drive.com.au

www.carpaint.com.au

www.tradingpost.com.au

Important things to know when buying a car -

How long is the Registration on the car for?

Have you had a Mechanical check done?

How many Kilometers has the car done?

Have you got a clear Revs check certificate?

Driving around Australia

Driving around Australia is a great way to see the country providing the car is reliable and all paperwork is in order. Unfortunately, it's not as simple as paying money for a car and then you are the legal owner. If you are thinking of buying a car in Australia there are a couple of things you need to know. We want you to be fully informed so you can have a fun, safe road trip throughout Australia

Buying a car privately

Buying a car privately is usually cheaper than buying from a dealer. However, you have to be very careful because you won't get a warranty (unless the car has a manufacturer's warranty which is transferable).

Before you buy a used car it is important to inspect the car very well. An inspection can tell you if there is anything wrong with the car. It helps you decide whether or not the price they want for the car is fair and can help you negotiate the best price with the seller. You should ask the seller if you can take the car for a test drive before you buy it and it is normal to take the car to a qualified mechanic during the test drive for further inspection, for which you may be charged around \$150.

This is an important step to check that there is nothing seriously wrong with the car. It is worth paying for an inspection because when you buy the car privately there is usually no warranty.

You can find a vehicle inspection checklist at:

www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/consumer/motor_vehicles.html in the motor vehicle section.

Buying a car from a dealer

Buying a car from a licensed dealer is usually more expensive than buying a car privately. **However**, there are advantages. Licensed car dealers can only sell cars that have no money owing on them. A car that is less than 10 years old, has done less than 160,000 km will have a three month /5,000 statutory Warranty. Some used car dealerships offer extended warranties at an extra cost. Make sure you read the warranty details carefully so that you understand what a warranty will cover. If a car is more than 10 years old or has done more than 160,000km there is no warranty, so the dealer only has to give you a pink slip (roadworthy certificate).

Registering your car in NSW:

If the car is not registered you can't drive it. You will need to ring the Road and Maritime Service (RMS) on 132213 to get an unregistered vehicle permit (UVP) valid for 28 days in all states and territories except Western Australia. Then take the car to an Authorized Unregistered Vehicle Inspection Station (AUVIS) to have an inspection check done to prove that the car is roadworthy.

When you go to the RTA to register the car, you will need to show proof of identity to prove that you own the car and the inspection report from AUVIS. Private sellers must give the buyer a pink slip that's not more than 42 days old. Don't sign anything until you are completely happy with the car and the price. Don't let the seller pressure you into buying a car if you're not ready. It's easy to feel like you don't want to miss out on the car. It's easy to "fall in love" with a car but remember you need to be 100% confident it is the right one for you.

Once you've bought the car, arrange insurance before you drive anywhere. It is important that you get the right insurance as many companies (although they will sell you the insurance) won't actually pay out to backpackers.

Transfer the registration to your name through the RMS. You have to do this **within 14 days of buying the car**. In NSW you do not need a proof of address, but in some other states you may. You will also need your passport and driving license. Use the WTC address as the mailing address, so that you receive the car related paperwork you need.

Registering vehicles in other states:

Each state in Australia has a different department that governs road and safety rules (such as registration etc). For example in NSW it's the RMS, which stands for Roads and Maritime Service, who have offices throughout NSW. Other states may have different rules and regulations regarding registering vehicles. This can be very complicated particularly when needing to transfer and renew registrations as **most states require you to be in the state where the car is registered for this to happen**. Don't forget that you have to think about selling the car and often this is the easiest to do in the state where the car is registered.

Below is a list of websites for the different Road Transport departments throughout Australia:

- **Victoria:** Northern Territory: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au www.transport.nt.gov.au
- **South Australia:** Tasmania: www.transport.sa.gov.au www.transport.tas.gov.au
- **Western Australia:** www.dpi.wa.gov.au

- New South Wales: www.rta.nsw.gov.au
- ACT (Canberra): www.rego.act.gov.au
- Queensland: www.transport.qld.gov.au

Useful websites/references for car issues:

- To transfer car into your name in NSW: www.rms.gov.au/documents/about/forms/45070107-transfer-of-reg.pdf . NSW RMS Call: 132213
- Proof of identity form which **MUST** go with notification of change of ownership form for Western Australia (certified copies of passport and driving license needed) www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/LBU_F_VL_MR186_proofidentity.pdf
- Notification of change of ownership form for Western Australia: www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles?LBU_VL_MR9_VehicleTransfer.pdf (Please Note: car must be fitted with immobilizer)
- QLD Transfer of ownership form - [www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/formsQF3520/\\$file/F3520_ES.pdf](http://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/formsQF3520/$file/F3520_ES.pdf) (Please note: when selling in QLD safety certificate **MUST** be displayed)

Transferring registration for a NSW registered car:

When you buy a vehicle:

Before you buy a vehicle, you should check the registration and CTP insurance details of the vehicle via MyRMS (<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/>) or phone the RTA contact centre on 13 22 13. **You must transfer the registration into your name within 14 days of the vehicle coming into your possession.**

You'll need to visit a Motor Registry with:

- Proof of identity
- Proof of entitlement to register the vehicle. (Completed and signed registration papers). If the vehicle is to be registered in another person's name, a letter of authorization must be provided detailing the name and address of the person to be recorded as the registered operator. A registered operator may or may not be the owner of the vehicle.
- A completed Application for Transfer form.

For transfer of registration you may need to pay:

- A transfer fee
- Additional motor vehicle tax (or national heavy vehicle charges) if you have bought your vehicle from someone receiving an RTA concession (such as a pensioner) and you are not eligible for that concession.
- Late transfer surcharge. A surcharge will be applied to customers who fail to transfer the registration within the date of acquisition – 14 days

Transferring and Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance

Vehicles existing CTP insurance will be automatically transferred when the registration is transferred. You don't need to do anything about CTP insurance until the registration is due for renewal.

Car Insurance:

It is very important when buying a car to insure the vehicle. There are different types of insurance depending on the cover you would like, such as:

- **Comprehensive insurance:**
This means that not only is the other vehicle covered but so is yours. For example if you have a car accident which is your fault, your insurance will cover you for the repairs to the other person's car AS WELL as your own.
- **Third Party Property Damage:**
This covers you for damage caused by your car to property owned by a third party in the event of an accident. That means you're covered for any damage you may accidentally cause to someone else's property. However any damage done to your own property won't be covered. When choosing Third Party Property Damage insurance there are also additional extras you can choose for an extra cost
- **Fire and Theft:**
Fire and theft covers vehicles which are stolen and then burnt out. For example, if you were to have JUST Third Party Property Damage and your car was stolen your vehicle WOULD NOT be covered by insurance, However if you have third party property damage fire and theft, and your vehicle was stolen, insurance would cover you.

It is strongly recommended that you at least have Third Party Property damage in the event of an accident. For a small additional cost it is also recommended that when purchasing third party property insurance you choose the additional fire and theft. Many insurance companies will let you **pay by the month**. Once you sell the vehicle you can call the insurance company and cancel the insurance policy for no extra cost. Make sure you insure your vehicle before you drive it. Your vehicle is only covered once the insurance has been organized and paid for.

Below is a list of road assistance companies, remember that they do not cover all states:

- Victoria: RACV – www.racv.com.au or 13 72 28
- Northern Territory: AANT – www.aant.com.au Or (08) 8981 3837
- South Australia: RAA – www.raa.com.au or 13 11 11
- Tasmania: RACT – www.ract.com.au or 13 27 22
- Western Australia: RAC – www.rac.com.au or 13 17 03
- Queensland: RACQ – www.racq.com.au or 13 19 05
- New south Wales and ACT: NRMA – www.nmra.com.au or [132 132](tel:132132)

For Australia-wide road side assistance visit - www.247roadservices.com.au or 1300 550 279

***** All websites and businesses are for reference purposes only, and the companies listed are not affiliated with Work and Travel Company in any way*****

Buying from a private seller?

Ask the seller to show you:

- A current certificate of registration
- A safety check report (pink slip) that is not more than one month old
- Proof that the person selling the car is the owner – such as a driving license and sales receipt.

Buying from a Licensed Dealer?

Used car dealers must put a vehicle description form on the windscreen of every used car. The form will show the dealer's name, the cash price and other details such as the engine number, odometer reading and if a warranty applies.

- A **Form 4** indicates the car has a standard used car warranty.
- A **Form 8** means there is no statutory warranty.
- Occasionally there may be a **Form 6**. This means a standard used car warranty applies but the dealer is not going to repair certain items that don't affect safety, such as air conditioning.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A car displaying a Form 6 or 8 must be sold with a safety check report stating that the vehicle is fit for registration if number plates are attached.

Understanding your rights

All used vehicles purchased from licensed dealers are covered by a 3 month or 5,000km statutory warranty providing:

- The vehicle is not more than 10 years old and has not travelled more than 160,000km
- The purchase price does not exceed the luxury vehicle depreciation limit (\$52,912 as of 1 January 1996). This amount varies at each annual Federal budget and applies from 1 January each year.

- It is not a commercial vehicle.

*A white slip is issued if there are repairs needed, this means the vehicle is **not fit for registration**

Check the registration

To check the registration is still valid, Call the RMS in Sydney and Wollongong on 13 22 13, or the local motor registry. Registration requirements may differ between States and Territories. If you are thinking of buying an unregistered or interstate registered vehicle that has been significantly modified or is a specialized vehicle, such as a high performance vehicle, you should check with the RTA as to NSW registration requirements.

Check the vehicle

Check there is no statutory warranty when you purchase a vehicle from a private seller. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check the vehicle thoroughly for any mechanical, exterior or interior damage or defects. If you are not an expert, you should seriously consider having your vehicle inspected by an independent mechanic or inspection service.

Test Drive

A test drive is important, but BE WARNED, you run the risk of substantial claims being made against you if you have an accident. Check to see if the vehicle is covered by comprehensive insurance before you go for a test drive.

Proof of purchase

Check the registration papers relate to the person selling the vehicle and the selling address. If you do purchase the vehicle ask for a receipt.

Buying and selling a car state by state

For all states – Your residential and garaging address must be in that state, a hostel address is fine to use. Make sure you put the WTC address as your postal address so you can receive all your important documents.

Cars registered in NSW - Buying a NSW Registered car

When you buy a car with registration, the compulsory Third Party Insurance (CTP or Green Slip) is included as well as the mechanic check (pink slip), so all you have to do is transfer the car into your name.

- **You MUST be in NSW to transfer the car into your name**
- When you buy the car, ensure you have the signed registration papers and check that the sellers identification matches the name on the paper.
- After you have bought the car you will need to go to the RMS in NSW (YOU CAN'T TRANSFER THE CAR INTO YOUR NAME IN ANY OTHER STATE) with the following documents to transfer the car into your name or you will incur a fine:
 - Completed and signed registrations papers
 - Driving license and Passport
 - Proof of residential address in NSW (Hostel receipt, lease or letter from bank)

- Completed transfer of ownership form
- You will need to pay 3% of the sale price to transfer the car into your name
- Ensure there is enough registration on your car to cover your travels as you **MUST** be in NSW to put more registration on your car.

Buying an unregistered car in NSW

If you buy an unregistered car in NSW you cannot drive it until you put registration on it unless you get an unregistered vehicle permit (UVP) from the RTA (valid for up to 28 days). Please Note: if your car has been unregistered for a period of time (for example 2 months) and you buy 12 months registration – you will only get 10 months – as you have to pay for the time it was not registered.

Putting registration on a car will cost **approximately** \$1000 for a year in NSW

- You will first need to get a COMPREHENSIVE mechanic check (Blue Slip)
- Purchase CPT (A Green Slip) – You can shop around online from various insurers.
- Go to the RMS with your Blue Slip and Green Slip and transfer the car into your name with the same documents as above.

Re-registering a car in NSW

To re-register your NSW registered car – you must be in NSW.

- You will need to have a basic mechanic check done (Pink Slip) – Only Available in NSW
- Purchase CTP insurance (Green Slip)
- Re-register your car either on line or at your local RMS

Selling a NSW registered car

You are more likely to get more money for your NSW registered car if you sell it in NSW, as the purchaser, you will have to take the car to NSW when they transfer it into their name. When you sell the car – all you will need is the original registration papers. You will need to complete and hand these over to the buyer – make sure you check their identity and driving license number/passport number.

It is the **buyer's responsibility to transfer the car into their name** – However, it is a good idea for you to complete a notice of disposal form and post or take it into the RTA. This tells them who you have sold the car too. **If you do not complete this, and the buyer does not transfer the car into their name – you will be responsible for any fines or penalties they incur.**

Buy a registered car in Victoria

When you buy a registered vehicle in Victoria, the vehicle registration must be transferred into your name. The information below explains what your responsibilities are and the steps you need to follow. If you are buying a vehicle privately, **you must lodge an application to transfer registration to VicRoads within 14 days of the sale.**

If you have bought the vehicle from a dealer, the dealer is responsible for sending all the paperwork to VicRoads.

Step 1: Check the vehicle registration prior to purchase

Step 2: Obtain paperwork from the seller

Step 3: Complete and submit paperwork to VicRoads

Buying an unregistered vehicle in Victoria

You can purchase a car without registration in Victoria. Before you can drive it you must register the vehicle or apply for an unregistered vehicle permit. An unregistered vehicle is a vehicle that is not registered or its registration has expired by more than 3 months. When sold, unregistered vehicles do not need a Certificate of Roadworthiness.

Step 1: Check the vehicle registration

Before you buy a vehicle, you can check the vehicle registration to confirm it is unregistered, is listed as stolen, written off or has money owing on it.

Step 2: Get proof of purchase from the seller

As the register of vehicles maintained by VicRoads does not provide evidence of title, you should ask the seller for a receipt and keep this as proof of purchase and ownership. The receipt should be dated and included:

- your name and address
- the sellers name, address and signature,
- and vehicle's details such as Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), engine number and make and model.

Step 3: Get an unregistered vehicle permit from VicRoads

If you need to drive the vehicle while it is unregistered, for example to drive the vehicle home after purchasing it, you must obtain an Unregistered Vehicle Permit.

Step 4: Register the vehicle

If you want to drive the vehicle on the road, you must register your vehicle.

Buying a registered car in Qld

When you buy a car registered in Queensland you will have 14 days to transfer the car into your name otherwise you will be fined. The car MUST be transferred into your name in QLD. Make sure that the car you are buying has an original copy of a current Queensland safety certificate (unless exempt). DO NOT buy a car without this. The seller must complete and display this certificate from the moment they advertise their car for sale.

- When you buy the car, ensure you have signed the current registration papers and check that the sellers identification matches the name on the papers.
- A completed Transfer of vehicle Registration Application form(F3520)
[www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formdat.nsf/forms/DF3520/\\$file/F3520_ES.pdf](http://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formdat.nsf/forms/DF3520/$file/F3520_ES.pdf)
This must be completed by both parties as the sale of the car – there is a buyers and sellers copy.
- An original copy of a current Queensland safety certificate (unless exempt)

After you have bought the car you will need to go to the QLD transport (YOU CAN'T TRANSFER THE CAR INTO YOUR NAME IN ANY OTHER STATE) with the following documents to transfer the car into your name or you will incur a fine:

- Completed and signed registration papers
- Driving license and Passport
- Proof of residential address in QLD (Hostel receipt, Lease or letter from the bank)
- Completed transfer of ownership form F3520

[www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/forms/QF3520/\\$file/F3520_ES.pdf](http://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/forms/QF3520/$file/F3520_ES.pdf)

- Completed new customer application form (F3503) as you do not have a QLD driving license number
- Current Vehicle safety certificate
- You will need to pay approximately \$25 to transfer the car into you name
- Ensure there is enough registration on your car to cover your travels as you MUST be in QLD to put more registration on your car.

Buying an unregistered car in QLD

If you buy an unregistered car in QLD you can't drive it until you have a permit (F3523)

www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/forms/QF3523/

To register a second vehicle in Queensland you must legally move the vehicle to obtain a safety certificate. This ensures all vehicles registered in Queensland meet the safety requirements for operation on Queensland roads. Before you can move your vehicle from its place of purchase or from where it is currently garaged, you must:

- Complete a vehicle registration application form (F3518). This form is available at the Local Department of Transport and Main Road customer service centre
- Organise a CTP insurance certificate, for six or twelve month registration period if the vehicle, through a licensed insurer.
- Ensure the plate(s) and label have been removed from the vehicle. Standard Queensland plate(s) must be surrendered to the department of their agent.

Carry a completed form F3518 and your CTP insurance certificate with you to allow you to legally travel in your vehicle on the shortest and most direct route to:

An approved Inspection Station (AIS) to obtain a safety certificate

An authorized gas installer to obtain a gas certificate (if applicable)

Note: if your vehicle does not pass a safety certificate, and the work cannot be done at the AIS, you will need to obtain an unregistered vehicle permit if the vehicle is considered to be in a safe condition. Otherwise the vehicle must be transported. Once you have obtained a safety certificate and a gas certificate (if applicable) you are permitted to travel directly to a department to transport and main roads customer service centre to apply for vehicle registration.

Please refer to the Pre registration checklist before applying for vehicle registration.

Renewing registration on a QLD registered car

You can renew your registration online if your car is registered in QLD – A renewal notice will be sent to you in the mail about five weeks before your registration expiry date. The registered operator should renew the vehicle's registration before it expires to ensure that the vehicle may legally be used on a road or road related area and is covered by compulsory third party insurance in the event of an accident. If the registration payment is not received by the department on or before the expiry date, a registration renewal reinstatement fee may be incurred.

This is the link to renew rego in QLD -

www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/registartiononlineQt/IdentifyRegistrationRenewal.jsp

Selling a QLD registered car

You are more likely to get more money for your QLD registered car if you sell it in QLD, as the buyer will have to move it to QLD when they transfer it into their name. You must obtain a vehicle safety certificate from an authorized outlet BEFORE you advertise your car for sale. When you sell the car you will need the original registration papers – you will need to complete and hand these over to the buyer – make sure you check their identity and driving license number/passport.

Make sure:

- You have provided a registration certificate in the seller's name
- You have obtained a Queensland safety certificate or certificate of inspection (coi)
- The Queensland safety certificate or certificate of inspection has not expired
- The Queensland safety certificate or certificate of inspection identifies the issuing approved inspection station
- The Queensland safety certificate or certificate of inspection is attached to a conspicuous part of the vehicle when it is offered for sale
- If the vehicle runs on gas or is fitted with gas appliances, fittings or systems the vehicle may require a gas certificate. The certificate must not be more than three months old and be from an authorized gas installer
- Both sections of the transfer of vehicle registration application (form F3520) have been completed and signed by both the person selling the car and the person buying the car
- You (the seller) keep part b (proof of transfer/notice of disposal) of the transfer of vehicle registration application form.
- You keep the yellow copy of the Queensland safety certificate
- You keep the above documents as proof of transfer until the vehicle is transferred out of your name
- If you (the seller) reasonably believe the buyer has not applied for transfer of the vehicle's registration within 14 days, you must lodge part b (proof of transfer/notice of disposal) at a department of transport and main roads customer service centre together with a copy of the Queensland safety certificate/certificate of inspection.

This tells them who you have sold the car to. If you do not complete this, and the buyer does not transfer the car into their name – you will be responsible for any fines or penalties they incur.

Buying and selling a car registered in South Australia

When you buy a car in SA you must transfer it into your name within 14 days of purchase, otherwise you will incur a fine. When you buy a motor vehicle you are required to register it, or ensure it is currently registered before driving it on the road. When you buy a vehicle that is registered in South Australia, you must complete and lodge an application for transfer of registration within 14 days.

Step 1:

You (the buyer) and the person selling the vehicle must complete and sign the application for transfer of registration which is located on the reverse side of the current certificate of registration. If the seller does not have a current certificate of registration, they should apply for a replacement at any service SA customer service centre before you finalize the purchase. If the seller cannot produce a current certificate of registration it may indicate that they are not the registered owner or that they may be going to cancel the registration once the vehicle is sold.

Step 2:

The buyer must lodge the application for transfer within 14 days of the purchase at a service SA customer service centre. You need to lodge the application for transfer of registration. The person selling you the car must also lodge the notice of disposal.

Note: It is in your best interest to obtain a receipt from the person you are purchasing the vehicle from.

When you buy the car you will need to take the above documents along with proof of identity (passport and driving license) and proof of residential address in SA (bank statement, hostel receipt, lease) to a SA customer service centre.

Buying an unregistered car in SA

When you buy a motor vehicle you are required to register it, or ensure it is currently registered before driving it on the road. If you buy a South Australian vehicle that is not registered and you wish to drive the vehicle, you must complete an application for registration and Third Party insurance and return it to your nearest Service SA customer service centre. If there are no other requirements, after you pay the fee, a certificate of registration and label will be issued to you.

Renewing registration in SA

You can renew your SA registered car's **rego online**:

Renew online: You can renew your vehicle registration online at EzyReg by using Mastercard, Visa, Credit card or BPay view.

You will need to enter your 9-digit payment number that appears at the top right hand side of your renewal notice. If you do not have the notice you will need to enter the following”

- Your License or client number
- Number plate type and number – this information can be found on a previous renewal notice.

Buying and selling a car registered in WA

Cars registered in WA are great because you can buy or sell them from anywhere in Australia. Transfer of ownership is all done by post.

Here are some useful links to forms which you will need when transferring the car into your name, you must send:

- The notification of change of ownership
- The proof of identity form
- Certified copies of your driving license and passport.

Proof of identity form which must go with the notification of change of ownership form for Western Australia (certified copies of passport and driving license needed)

www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/LBU_F_VL_MR9_vehicleTransformer.pdf (please note: car must be fitted with immobilizer).

Both the buyer and seller must complete and send their sections of the transfer of ownership form to WA transport within 7 days of purchase. When completing the notification of change of ownership form put your residential address as Western Australia (you can simply put Perth YHA Hostel: 300 Wellington Street Perth 6000 or Kalbarri YHA Hostel: 51 Mortimer Street, Kalbarri WA), put your postal address as you WTC mailbox.

Note: **Using a residential address as a rural address outside of Perth may give you cheaper insurance.**

Your car must be fitted with an immobilizer so the answer to both of the following Questions on the change of ownership for must be YES. (see below)

- Will the vehicle be kept primarily in WA (see “garaging address” on back of form of explanation?)
- Is a factory fitted or government approved immobilizer fitted to this vehicle and fully operational?

Buying an unregistered car in WA - Vehicle registration is known as vehicle license in WA

DO NOT buy a car in WA where the registration expired more than 3 months ago

If the car has been out of registration for more than 3 months you will need to get the vehicle examined, to do this you will need a permit to move the car – however – you can't get this without a WA driving license!

Expired vehicle license - Up to 3 months late

You cannot drive your vehicle on the road: however you have three months from the expiry date to renew your vehicle license without the need to have the vehicle examined. The renewal period will be calculated from the previous expiry date where the fees are paid within this 3 month period.

Over 3 months late

You cannot drive your vehicle on the road and you are required to return the number plates in order to avoid a penalty being issued. To re-license your vehicle you will need to get your vehicle examined.

Renewing a WA car license

Cars registered to WA can have their vehicle renewed online provided it has not been out of registration for more than 3 months

Beware - If you buy a car registered in a certain state and can't go there to transfer the car into your name you can cancel that registration and get the car registered to a different state, However it can cost up to \$1500.

- You will need to cancel the previous registration
- Take the plates off and hand them into a department of transport
- Buy new plates
- Pay to get the car onto the road in a different state (quite expensive)
- Buy more registration

Useful Apps when driving in Australia

Googlemaps
Roadtrippers
Waze
Fuelmap
Fueltracker
Wikicamps
Yelp

Our “Campervan Commitment”

If you don't want the hassle of buying, registering and eventually selling a car in Australia. Then the other option to travel independently is to rent a car or campervan.

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You can't drive everywhere in Australia - So check out our East Coast Drive Guide, listing all the places and experiences you don't want to miss out on.

“Price Match Promise”

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Cairns recommended time 5 - 7 days

Cape Tribulation
Day Trip to the Great Barrier Reef
Port Douglas
Visit Kuranda National Park & Sunday Craft Market
Visit the Northern Secluded beaches such as Palm Cove ***FREE***
Skydive
Bungy Jump
Head northwest to the Tablelands to see spectacular waterfalls
Tjapukai Aboriginal Culture Park

Mission Beach recommended time 1 - 2 days

White Water Rafting
Skydive
See wild cassowaries ***FREE***

Townsville – Magnetic Island recommended time 2 - 3 days

Ferry to Magnetic Island and the amazing Full Moon parties
Breakfast with Koalas - enjoy a gourmet buffet breakfast whilst getting to meet a crocodile, python, our beautiful koalas and lot's of other Australian wildlife!!

Airlie Beach / Whitsunday Island recommended time 4 - 5 days

Gateway to the 74 Whitsunday Islands
New Horizon 2 days / 2 night Sailing Adventure
Daytrip to Whitehaven Beach
GREAT nightlife, especially on the weekend

Hervey Bay recommended time 2 days

Brilliant place to go on a whale and dolphin tour
Tour the World famous Bundaberg Rum Factory and get **FREE** samples
Nearby is Mon Repo where you can watch baby turtles being born on the sands!

Rainbow Beach / Fraser Island recommended time - minimum 3 days

Visit the world's largest sand island
4 WD self-drive 3 day/2 night on the Island, food and accommodation all included plus accommodation at Rainbow Beach
Explore Lake MacKenzie, Lake Wabby, Champagne Pools and see wild dingo's
Explore Ms. Maheno, the famous ship wreck ***FREE***

Noosa recommended time 1 - 2 days

Visit the Everglades National Park ***FREE***

Do a Kayak Tour

Great surfing spot!

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Brisbane (Queensland's Capital) recommended time 2 - 3 days

Drive up to **Mt. Coolum** – beautiful lookout spot to see the Brisbane skyline and city views ***FREE***

Australia Zoo cheap deal - 2 night's accommodation, 1 day Australia Zoo excursion plus 2 dinners

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

Moreton Bay Island Day Trip

Whale Watching (seasonal)

Surfer's Paradise / Gold Coast recommended time 3 - 5 days

The most popular holiday destination in Australia - great beaches, great surfing and GREAT nightlife!

Great Beaches and even greater surfing

Four different theme parks to explore - Save with our combo tickets!

Q 1 Observation Deck – Australia's highest building

Byron Bay recommended time 5 days

One of the best surfing spot on the East Coast!

Skydive from 7,000 ft or 15,000 ft

Nimbin Day Tour

Night hike to Mt Warning – the first place on Australian mainland to see the sun rise

Sea kayaking with dolphins

Fantastic World heritage forest - ***FREE***

Coffs Harbour recommended time 2 days

Visit beautiful Dorrigo National Park ***FREE***

Skydive landing on the beach 15,000 ft

North of Coffs is a number of fantastic Sandy beaches ***FREE***

Surf & Stay from 2 – 7 days

The BIG Banana - taste a chocolate coated banana

Port Macquarie recommended time 2 days

Dolphin capital of Australia!

Resident pod of 140 dolphins ***FREE***

Myall Lakes National Park ***FREE***

Barrington Tops National Park ***FREE***

Hunter Valley recommended time 1 - 2 days

Australia oldest wine region

Relax and enjoy the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens ***FREE***

Wine Tours

Do an "Intro to Wine Appreciation" Course

Stay on a houseboat on the Hawkesbury River

Blue Mountains recommended time 1 - 3 days

Stop at Echo Point and the Three Sisters ***FREE***

Spectacular scenery and wonderful wildlife ***FREE***

Scenic Cliff drive along Megalong Valley

Ride the steepest incline railway in the world!

See breathtaking views at Govett's Leap Lookout

Fantastic bush walking ***FREE***

Scenic railway/skyway with amazing views

Experience Jenolan Caves

See Jamison Valley

4 WD Mountains Day Trips

Waradah Aboriginal Centre

If you have any questions about buying a car/campervan/renting a vehicle, or want to know what to do and see when you are on the road, the WTC Staff are here to help! You are also welcome to attend our "Drive Australia" Seminar in Sydney – contact us to find out when the next one is -

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