

Who can apply for a Dutch driving licence

Anyone can take theory & driving lessons, but when applying for:

- ▶ *any type of theory tests*
- ▶ *any type of driving tests*
- ▶ *any Dutch driving licence*

you will be required to physically possess & to be able to show:

Sub A: *a valid form of identity*

Sub B: *a citizens service number (= BSN or SoFi number)*

furthermore you will have to authorize your driving school to apply for any driving test through your DigId:

Sub C: *use your DigId to give a mandate to your driving school*

Sub A: Valid forms of identity

As of January 1st 2006 the following identity cards are acceptable:

- ▶ *a valid Dutch passport*
- ▶ *a valid Dutch driving license*
- ▶ *a valid Dutch identity card, issued by your Local Municipality*
- ▶ *a valid European identity card (NOT a foreign Driving Licence)*
- ▶ *a valid passport for citizens of member countries of the European Union*
- ▶ *a valid passport for citizens of member countries of the European Economic Area.*
- ▶ *a valid travel document for foreigners (your Dutch resident's permit issued by the IND)*
- ▶ *a valid travel document for refugees*

EU/EEA countries are:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, * Switzerland, United Kingdom.
*** Switzerland is not in the EU/EEA, but an international treaty means that from 1 June 2002 Swiss nationals have a similar right to live in the Netherlands as EEA nationals.**

Legislations rules that foreigners holding the following documents cannot obtain a Dutch driving licence:

- ▶ *a W-document issued to asylum seekers:*
(although the W-document is a form of identification, it is not a residence permit and therefore unsuitable for a driving license application at the local authority)
- ▶ *an expired document of the cat. A to F inclusive.*

Sub B: The Citizens Service Number, which is also called a "BSN" number

As of May 1st 2006 applicants will also have to be in the possession of a current BSN number = Citizens Service Number); this consists of *NINE* numbers.

On Dutch forms of identity this number can be found on:

- ▶ *the Dutch passport - model 2001 - page 1*
- ▶ *Dutch (European Model) identity cards, on the face side*
- ▶ *the Dutch driving licence - model 1996 - at item nr. 5 after this document's number*
- ▶ *a valid passport for citizens of member countries of the European Union*

Applicants without a Dutch form of identity can find this number on:

- ▶ *the letter received from the "Belastingdienst"*
- ▶ *the pass issued by your health insurer*
- ▶ *the salary specification from your employer*
- ▶ *the specification issued by a dept. of benefits*

Sub C: use your DigiD to give a mandate to your driving school

Remember that you also have to be 'give your driving school a mandate to apply for a driving test for you; this mandate is given by means of your strictly personal DigiD (digital identity). You give this mandate by visiting:

http://www.cbr.nl/brochure/DigiD_Engels_kandidaat.pdf

What is a DigiD and how to I get one?

DigiD stands for Digital Identity and is a system shared between cooperating governmental agencies, allowing to digitally authenticate the identity of a person who applies for a transaction service via internet.

With increasing numbers of public authority offices implementing the DigiD system, it is easy to begin using their range of electronic services after first choosing your own login code (user's name and password) at www.digid.nl. In short: DigiD provides users with a personalized login code for the full spectrum of contact with various governmental bodies.

Visit this site

<http://www.digid.nl/english/>

if you need to apply for a (new) DigiD.

Remember that you also have to be registered as a resident with your (Local) City or Town Hall: this is the Municipality in which you reside. This authority issues the driving licence and can ONLY issue your Dutch driving licence after you have been registered as a resident in their data base for a continuous period of at least 185 days!