

How to convert your driving licence in Israel

Adapted from:

https://www.weizmann.ac.il/vs/sites/vs/files/driving_license_conversion_instructions_21.10.18.pdf

You can drive with the international licence (they issue one for you in the Ministry of transportation of your country) for a year, if you want to drive after that you need to ask for a conversion to Israeli licence.

WHAT YOU NEED TO START THE PROCESS:

- **Visa:** You need to have a valid visa for at least 3 months.

- **Driver's licence from your country:** Valid for at least 5 years, should be in English but theoretically if it's from a country for the European Union there is no need. (mine wasn't in English and I had no problem).

PROCESS:

1. Get an Israeli ID number and update your data: To issue your Israeli licence you need an Israeli ID, so you can get into the system of the Ministry of Transportation. To apply for it you need your passport and your driver's licence.

Location: Ministry of Transport (Misrad Harishui), Rehovot. Bilu Mall in Bilu Street (In the ground floor take the elevator near the dry cleaners and Shufersal. Second floor on the right).

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 8:00-12:00

Recommendations: you can't make an appointment in advance and the place is quite busy and messy. I would suggest going first time in the morning and avoid Thursdays). They don't speak a lot of English, but enough to manage your request, just say ID number.

2. Get the green form: with your ID number you can ask for the green form that is requested by the Ministry of Transport in Holon, your final destination. The process is done in the scanning stations licenced by the Transport Ministry, in Rehovot it's Meir Optics.

Location: Meir Optics, (Business centre, Sharona. Derech Jerusalem 2). Google maps code: VRPC+X4 Rehovot

Opening hours: Sun-Thu: 9:00-19:30, Fri: 9:00-13:30

You don't need a health test (at least for European drivers).

3. Entries and exits form. You have to apply for it to the Ministry of Interior. You can theoretically do it on line, it didn't work for me. If you go in person, you'll get it on the same day.

Form: https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/service/inquiry_of_exit_and_entrery_from_israel/he/MR31.pdf

Location: Ministry of Interior (Misrad Hapnim), Rehovot. Binyamin St 4, 2nd floor. Google maps code: VRV6+JV Rehovot

Opening hours: Sun, Mon, Tue, Thu: 8:00-12:00, Mon: 14:30-17:00, Wen: 13:30-17:00

Recommendations: You don't need an appointment, show the form so they can give you the correct number in the machine that issues them. Write correctly your address in the form, there is where the Ministry of Transportation will send the plastic licence. I was asked for my rent contract at the


Ministry of Interior to check if the address in the form was correct, so I recommend you take a proof of your address with you.

4. Get the licence

OK, we are almost ending.

You need to go to the Ministry of transportation in Holon, for that you need to ask for an appointment at www.myvisit.com

Instructions

- Click on **Continue without an account** and then **Yes continue anyway**
- Click on the Ministry of Transportation logo 
- In the **What would you like to do**, choose: **“זרים רישיונות המרת”** (foreign driving licence conversions)
- In **Find a location**, choose – **חולון סניף** (Holon branch)
- In **Choose a service** choose the only option available: **“זרים רישיונות המרת”**
- In **Identification**, enter the ID number you received from the Ministry of Transportation
- Choose a date and time and then confirm.

Make sure you attend the Ministry of Transportation in Holon with the following:

- Passport (with a 3 months visa at least)
- Valid driving licence and translation if required
- Green Form (Driver's Licence Application form 18) containing your computerized picture.
- Entries and exits form

Location: משרד הרישוי חולון, Ha-Lokhamim St 1, Holon. Google maps code: 2QMC+VH Tel Aviv-Yafo

Bus directions from the Faculty: <https://goo.gl/maps/W7tRBKAWpPH2>

Opening Hours: Sun-Thu: 8:00-13:00, Tue: 15:30-17:45

Recommendations: Known for being really busy and having long waiting times. Be there at least at 7:30 (regardless the time of your appointment) and get your queue number in the machine at the door. You'll need to enter your ID number.

You will then receive a paper licence that has to be paid at the post office (220 shekels), there is one near the licencing office. You will receive the plastic licence in the address you provided, theoretically about a month later.

The paper licence you got at the office is already valid.

Your permit is valid for 5 years but the licence has to be issued every 6 months. You can do that at the Ministry of Transportation in Rehovot without an appointment. Bring with you your visa and your Israeli licence.