

## \*\*\* DRIVING LICENCES \*\*\*

1. Residents of Ontario who are not in possession of a valid Ontario Driving Licence must, in order to drive a car in Ontario, undergo a test at a cost of \$1.00 which consists of (a) a written examination, (b) a sign test, (c) a driving test and (d) an eye test (cost included in the \$1.00 examination fee), and then pay \$2.00 for the licence itself. The examination centre advises that in the late spring or early summer there may be a delay of 4 to 5 weeks before an appointment can be arranged to hold the examination.
2. An expired licence cannot be used to obtain a new licence for any year other than the immediately succeeding year. After this the holder, in order to obtain a new licence, must pass the whole test as would a beginner. It would be useful to record the serial number of your current driving licence. Without this number the licence cannot be replaced in the event of loss.
3. In view of the foregoing, Trade and Commerce personnel stationed abroad who are in possession of a valid Ontario Driving Licence may wish to consider the alternative of renewing their permits every year. This can be done by filling in the "Application for Operator's Licence" section on the inside of the valid permit and mailing it, together with a cheque on a Canadian Bank for \$2.00 made out to the Ontario Department of Transport, to the Motor Vehicle Licence Branch, 294 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, Ontario. It is appropriate and advisable to show either the mission address or the private foreign address in the address section of the application. In order to avoid unnecessary correspondence, the Motor Vehicle Licence Branch suggests checking:
  - (a) That every question has been answered,
  - (b) That christian names are all spelled out in full,
  - (c) That the licence is signed both on the face and on the renewal,
  - (d) That, if glasses are worn, the defect that they correct is mentioned in the appropriate space on the left-hand side of the application.
4. An additional advantage to keeping a valid Ontario Driving Licence is that, en route to Canada, there may be occasions when it will allow the use of a rented or borrowed car in a country which does not recognize the validity of a permit issued in the country from which the individual has been posted or transferred.

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