

ROAD NETWORK

South Australia has a well-developed network of highways connecting the State's major population centres. The principal highways form part of the National Network.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

A network of transport options connects the attractions and suburbs of Adelaide and regional South Australia, including buses, trains and trams.

To use the network, you need a **metrocard** (available to purchase and can be 'topped up') or a contactless credit card, debit card or mobile device (with payment options) is required.

Adelaide's bus and train network is an efficient way of traveling around the city. Use the trip tool (downloadable app) to map your route. This allows you to plan your route most easily and swiftly while providing constant updates on changes or alternative routes.

Adelaide's main rail terminus for local trains is in North Terrace and regional and interstate buses depart from Franklin Street in the city. Trains operate North, West and South to the CBD

A bicycle is a great way to get around Adelaide. Cyclists use curbside bike lanes and are permitted on most of Adelaide's roads. Helmets are a legal requirement.

Intercity & Country South Australia trains - Trains depart from the terminal in Mile End.

DRIVING IN ADELAIDE

Australians drive on the left-hand side of the road. Use of seat belts is compulsory in Australia, with the driver being responsible for ensuring that all passengers are wearing them. Using a hand-held mobile phone is prohibited when driving. It can however be used if mounted in an approved cradle but through voice command only, not touch. Penalties for misuse apply.

The blood alcohol limit is 0.05% throughout Australia and is enforced with random breath tests. Pay attention to speed limits – speed cameras are used in Adelaide and across South Australia. Note that there are zero alcohol limits for certain classes of driver including heavy vehicle, bus and probationary/learner drivers. These limits are strictly enforced.

Adelaide has no toll roads.

RENTING A CAR

There are many car rental companies operating in Australia, rates vary depending on the type of car required and the length of hire time. Some of the popular companies are Budget, Hertz, Thrifty, Avis, Sixt and others.

Alternatively, [GoGet](#) is a car-sharing service where a car can be hired for a specific day or amount of time, this might be a suitable alternative when a car is needed for a limited time.

PURCHASING A CAR

There are various ways to purchase a car in Australia depending on needs. New cars are purchased from preferred brand dealerships and used cars can be purchased from used car dealerships or private individuals.

Before finalizing the deal on a secondhand car, it is highly recommended to have it checked thoroughly with an independent mechanic or automotive center. A pre-purchase inspection of a used car can be arranged and purchased through the RAA (Royal Automobile Association) which will provide a thorough and unbiased report on a car's condition.

CAR INSURANCE

Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance is a mandatory pre-requisite for a vehicle to be registered in South Australia. CTP insurance (also known as a green slip) provides compensation for other people injured in an accident when the person driving the vehicle is at fault, and in certain circumstances, regardless of who was at fault.

Comprehensive and third-party car insurance options can be purchased providing additional cover and where appropriate, agreed values. More information about the different insurance plans and pricing can be found on comparison websites that provide quotes from a range of participating insurance providers. Nuss can provide further details on sourcing quotes and information.

GETTING A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS LICENCE

Currently, a temporary resident is permitted to drive in Australia with a foreign driver's licence for up to 6 months after arrival as long as that licence is in English. If the licence is not in English, it is necessary to obtain an International Driver's Permit (IDP) to use in Australia; note that this **MUST** be obtained in the country in which the driver's licence was issued so would need to be obtained before traveling to Australia. The South Australia driver's license will be required after 6 months.

There are certain common eligibility factors that must be met to apply for and obtain a driver's licence. The application and process are completed [here](#) who also manage several government services for residents and businesses. Please refer to this site for specific information.