

ROAD NETWORK

Canberra has an extensive, well-developed network of highways connecting the Territory's major population centers. The principal highways that form part of the National Network include the Federal Highway, Monaro Highway, Hume Highway, Kings Highway & Barton Highway.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

An efficient network of busses along with a light rail from Gungahlin to the City Centre operates in Canberra. [Transport Canberra](#)

[Shared E-scooters](#) & [Share A Bike](#) are a great way to get around Canberra

[Country NSW trains](#) - Trains depart Kingston Station depart daily to Sydney.

Buses connect to all Capital Cities, main companies are:

- [Greyhound Australia](#)
- [Murrays Coaches](#)

DRIVING IN CANBERRA

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 across Canberra and ACT. 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.

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, [Popcar](#) 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 NRMA (National Roads and Motorist's 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 ACT. 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 AN ACT DRIVERS LICENSE

Currently, a temporary resident is permitted to drive in Australia with a foreign driver's license for up to 3 months after arrival as long as that license is in English. If the license 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 drivers licence was issued so would need to be obtained before traveling to Australia. The ACT driver's license will be required after 3 months. There are certain common eligibility factors that must be met to apply for and obtain a driver's license. The application and process are completed at the [Drivers with licences from overseas](#) Please refer to [this site](#) for specific information.