

ROAD NETWORK

WA has an extensive, well-developed network of highways connecting the State's major population centres. The principal highways include: Great Eastern, Great Northern, South Western, Bussell, Albany, Eyre, Brand, Victoria, Leach, Canning, Kwinana, Mitchell, Roe, Tonkin and Reid.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Transperth is the public transport system for Perth and Regional WA. Perth has seven Transperth commuter rail lines, and 75 stations. Transperth has 281 bus routes and 9 Central Area Transit (CAT) routes.

The [Transperth website](#) gives information on tickets, using the system, timetables, and journey planning.

Smart Rider is a reusable smartcard that can be used to facilitate easy travel on Transperth services. Information on Smart Rider retail outlets can be found on the Transperth website.

A bicycle is a great way to get around Perth. Cyclists use kerbside bike lanes and are permitted on most of Perth's multi-lane roads. Helmets are a legal requirement.

Useful websites:

- [West Cycle](#)
- [Paths & Cycling Information](#)

DRIVING IN PERTH

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 Perth and WA. 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.

Perth does not have any toll roads at this stage.

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 RAC WA (Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia) 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 WA. The Compulsory Third Party (CTP) product provides owners and drivers of WA-registered vehicles with liability cover for costs incurred if they cause a crash which results in an injury to another person.

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 WA DRIVERS' LICENSE

Currently, a temporary resident is permitted to drive in WA 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' license was issued so would need to be obtained before traveling to Australia. The WA 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. Please refer to [this site](#) for specific information.