

Guide for New and Accompanying Experienced Driver - subject to Transport Ordinance and its Rules and Regulations

- 1. Who is authorized to be an accompanying experienced driver:** an individual at least 24 years of age that has held a driving license for the same vehicle category for at least five years, or is at least 30 years of age and has held a driving license as stated for at least three years, or an individual holding a driving instructor license.
- 2. Mandatory accompanying experienced driver:** extends for a period of 6 months from issuance date of first driving permit of which 3 months will be full accompaniment (day and night) and 3 months nighttime accompaniment. If the individual is issued an additional driving permit, accompaniment is mandatory for the driving permit validity period.
- 3. Duration of accompaniment period, by hours**
 - A.** Fifty hours at least of which 20 hours will be on city roads, 15 hours on non-city roads and 15 hours at night.
 - B.** For those eligible for financing of paid accompaniment: 12 hours with an accompanying experienced driver who is a driving instructor, of which 4 hours will be on city roads, 4 hours on non-city roads and 4 hours night driving. In any case the accompaniment period will not be less than 6 months.
- 4. Statement of accompaniment program completion:** the statement appearing on the back of the permit must be signed and presented to the License Bureau six months after the driving permit issuance date as a condition for receiving a new driver driving license,.
- 5. Eligibility for financing of paid accompaniment**

A new and young driver that presents proof to the License Bureau that he/she is unable to meet the accompaniment program requirement except with an accompanying driver who holds a driving instructor license will be eligible for financing from the Government Treasury for the sum to be approved by the License Bureau if he/she proves existence of one of the following:

 1. He/she receives payment or a benefit according to item (1) (a) or (2) of the first addition to the Income Support Law -1980.
 2. He/she receives payment according to the Alimony Law (assurance of payment) -1972, and is entitled as stated in regulation 3 (3) of the Alimony Law (payment assurance) 1972.
 3. Nearing 18 years of age he/she received a benefit or payment as stated in clauses (1) or (2).
 4. He /she is a soldier serving in the Israel Defense Forces(IDF) holding a valid Lone Soldier card, and presents confirmation from the service conditions officer in his/her unit that according to IDF ordinance he/she is entitled to a permanent monthly allowance.
- 6. Exemption from experienced driver accompaniment:** a new young driver will be exempt from the accompaniment program if he/she underwent the IDF driver mentorship program of the type: absorption and training of driver in the unit, provided he/she presents to the License Bureau confirmation to this effect issued by the unit safety officer.
- 7. Additional driving permit:** after six months, additional driving permits may be issued for a period of six months for the purpose of completing the accompaniment program.
- 8. Transporting passengers by a new driver:** a new driver under 21 years of age will not transport more than two passengers unless an experienced driver is sitting next to him/her in the front seat.

- 9. A new driver convicted of an offence listed in the third supplement of the Transport Ordinance:** will be required to take the driving theory test. If the court imposed punishment revoking his/her driving license for 3 months or more, the new driver will be required to take the driver theory test and the practical test. If convicted on charges of drug intoxication or an offense that caused a car accident in which a person was killed or suffered substantial physical injury he/she will also be required to undergo medical exams at the Medical Institute for Road Safety. **A driver that one of the conditions in clause 9 applies to him/her will return to new driver status for an additional two years.**
- 10. Alcohol intoxication:** a driver will be defined as alcohol intoxicated if he/she is a new driver or a driver under 24 years of age whose exhale sample indicates blood alcohol content exceeding 50 micrograms of alcohol per liter of exhaled breath, or 10 mg of alcohol per 100 ml of blood.
- 11. For additional information see the Ministry of Transport website [www. mot.gov.il](http://www.mot.gov.il) (Guide for New and Accompanying Experienced Driver).**