

ICBC translation requirements

The following list does not include all possible countries and is updated as needed. If your country is not listed, please [visit an ICBC driver licensing office](#).

For some countries and jurisdictions, translations may only be required if your original licence:

- Has non-English characters
- Does not have images of vehicles you're approved to drive
- Is on a piece of paper with written vehicle descriptions

You **may still** be asked to provide translations for your driver's licence or other documents, even if this list indicates that no translation is required.

Translation requests are done at ICBC's discretion.

| Country | Is translation required? |
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| Afghanistan | Yes |
| Albania | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Algeria | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Andorra | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Angola | No |
| Anguilla | No |
| Antigua and Barbuda | No |
| Argentina | Yes |
| Armenia | No |
| Aruba | No |
| Australia | Western Australia: no All other states: no, but you're required to provide a letter of experience showing the date your licence was first issued |
| Austria | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Azerbaijan | No |
| Bahamas | No |



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| Bahrain | No |
| Bangladesh | No |
| Barbados | No |
| Belarus | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Belgium | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Belize | No |
| Benin | Yes |
| Bermuda | No |
| Bhutan | No |
| Bolivia | Yes |
| Bonaire | No |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | No |
| Botswana | No |
| Brazil | No |
| British Virgin Islands | No |
| Brunei | No |
| Bulgaria | No |
| Burundi | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Burkina Faso | No |
| Cambodia | No |
| Cameroon | No |
| Cayman Islands | No |
| Chad | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Chile | Yes |
| China | Yes |
| Colombia | Yes |
| Cook Islands | No |
| Costa Rica | Yes |
| Croatia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Cuba | Yes |
| Curaçao | Yes |
| Cyprus | Turkish region: yes All other regions: No |
| Czechia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |



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| Democratic Republic of the Congo | No |
| Denmark | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Djibouti | Yes |
| Dominican Republic | Yes |
| East Timor | Yes |
| Ecuador | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Egypt | Yes |
| El Salvador | No |
| Equatorial Guinea | Yes |
| Eritrea | Yes |
| Estonia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Eswatini | No |
| Ethiopia | Yes |
| Faroe Islands | No |
| Fiji | No |
| Finland | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| France | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Gambia | No |
| Georgia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Germany | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Ghana | No |
| Greece | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Grenada | No |
| Guam | No |
| Guatemala | Yes |
| Guernsey | No |
| Guinea | Yes |
| Guyana | No |
| Haiti | No |
| Honduras | No |
| Hong Kong | No |



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| Hungary | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Iceland | No |
| India | No |
| Indonesia | Yes |
| Iran | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Iraq | Iraqi Kurdistan: yes All other regions: If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Ireland | No |
| Isle of Man | No |
| Israel | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Italy | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Ivory Coast | Yes |
| Jamaica | No |
| Japan | Yes |
| Jersey | No |
| Jordan | No |
| Kazakhstan | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Kenya | No |
| Kingdom of Saudi Arabia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Kiribati | No |
| Korea | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Kosovo | No |
| Kuwait | No |
| Kyrgyzstan | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Laos | No |
| Latvia | No |
| Lebanon | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Lesotho | No |
| Liberia | No |



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| Libya | Yes |
| Liechtenstein | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Lithuania | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Luxembourg | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Macau | No |
| Macedonia (North Macedonia) | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Madagascar | No |
| Malawi | No |
| Malaysia | No |
| Maldives | No |
| Malta | No |
| Marshall Islands | No |
| Mauritius | No |
| Mexico | Yes |
| Moldova | No |
| Mongolia | No |
| Montenegro | No |
| Montserrat | No |
| Morocco | No |
| Myanmar | No |
| Namibia | No |
| Nepal | No |
| Netherlands | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| New Zealand | No |
| Nicaragua | Yes |
| Niger | Yes |
| Nigeria | No |
| Norway | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Oman | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Panama | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Papua New Guinea | No |
| Paraguay | Yes |



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| Peru | Yes |
| Philippines | No |
| Poland | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Portugal | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Puerto Rico | Yes |
| Qatar | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Republic of the Congo | No |
| Romania | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Russia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Rwanda | No |
| Saint Christopher and Nevis | No |
| Saint Lucia | No |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | No |
| Samoa | No |
| San Marino | No |
| Senegal | Yes |
| Serbia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Seychelles | No |
| Sierra Leone | No |
| Singapore | No |
| Slovakia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Slovenia | No |
| Soloman Islands | No |
| Somalia | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Somaliland | No |
| South Africa | No |
| South Sudan | No |
| Spain | No |
| Sri Lanka | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Sudan | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |



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| Suriname | Yes |
| Swaziland | No |
| Sweden | No |
| Switzerland | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Syria | Yes |
| Taiwan | Yes. Translation must be done by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO). |
| Tajikistan | No |
| Tanzania | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Thailand | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Togo | No |
| Tonga | No |
| Trinidad and Tobago | No |
| Tunisia | Yes |
| Turkey | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Turkmenistan | No |
| Turks and Caicos | No |
| Uganda | No |
| Ukraine | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| United Arab Emirates | No |
| United Kingdom | No |
| Uruguay | Yes |
| Uzbekistan | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Vanuatu | No |
| Venezuela | Yes |
| Vietnam | If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. |
| Yemen | Yes |
| Zambia | No |
| Zimbabwe | No |

