



## DRIVER'S LICENSE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLES DIVISION AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) THROUGH THE MINISTRYOF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

THIS AGREEMENT is made between the Idaho Transportation Department, represented by the Administrator of the Motor Vehicles Division, and the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, represented by the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle, for reciprocity in issuing driver's licenses to citizens from the U.S. State of Idaho residing in the Republic of China (Taiwan), and to the Taiwanese citizens residing in the U.S. State of Idaho. The Motor Vehicles Division Administrator is authorized under Idaho Code §49-201B to enter into reciprocity agreements. Likewise, the Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle is authorized under Chapter 3, §50-5 of the Road Traffic Safety Regulations, Republic of China (Taiwan) to enter into reciprocity agreements.

The Parties agree that reciprocal provisions for issuance of driver's licenses, without being required to take a driving skills test, are in the public interest of the State of Idaho and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

The Parties agree that upon submitting an agreed upon application, a holder of a valid, unexpired class D driver's license issued by the State of Idaho, residing in the Republic of China (Taiwan), shall be able to exchange this license for a Taiwanese class B driver's license at the normal application fee, without being required to take a driving skills test. Correspondingly, a holder of a valid, unexpired Taiwanese class B driver's license shall be able to exchange the license for a class D driver's license of the State of Idaho at the normal application fee, without being required to take a driving skills test.

The Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles and the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Ministry of Transportation and Communications agree on the following:

1. Both parties will provide samples of driver's licenses (or copies thereof) issued at the time of this Agreement and periodic updates as needed thereafter, as well as a definition of all classes of driver's licenses, notations and restrictions;

- 2. A practical driving test and/or medical documentation attesting to physical or mental capabilities shall only be required in situations where the driving examiner has cause to believe that the person concerned is physically or mentally not qualified to operate a motor vehicle;
- 3. This Agreement only applies to holders of valid and unrestricted driver's licenses age 18 or older and does not apply to applications for driver's licenses for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle or motorcycles.
- 4. For the decision on the issuance of a driver's license, the same standards, rules and regulations as for any other resident of the State of Idaho and/or the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall apply.
- 5. The reciprocal driver's license issued pursuant to this agreement shall be issued only after successful processing the application for a driver license.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE upon signature of both Contracting Parties, and may be cancelled or revoked in writing by either Contracting Party at any time and for any reason with three months' notice; the notification shall be sent to the relevant address below.

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## INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DRIVERS LICENSES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS TAIWAN) AND

THE STATE OF IDAHO (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS IDAHO)

- I. <u>Instructions for Taiwan nationals who wish to exchange a Taiwan driver's</u> license for an Idaho driver's license:
  - A. In accordance with the reciprocal arrangement between Taiwan and Idaho, any individual who holds a valid Class B driver's license issued by Taiwan, after having established residence in Idaho, may apply to exchange their Taiwan license for an Idaho Class D driver's license, without taking a driving skills test.
  - **B.** Application Procedure:
  - a. Applicants begin the application process by applying through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle for authentication and translation of the applicant's Taiwan driver's license:

All reciprocity applications shall be accompanied by:

- (1) A complete driver's license "application form for authentication" and translation of documents from Mandarin into English;
- (2) A valid original copy of Taiwan passport:
- (3) An original copy of Class B driver's license issued by Taiwan:
- (4) The appropriate fee as set by the Consular Services Fee Schedule.

The instructions are only for reference. Current law or regulations will be applied for applications not specifically addressed by the agreement. As for other related regulations, please contact the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle (TEL: +1 206-441-4586; e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@teco-seattle.org">info@teco-seattle.org</a>).

- b. Applying to the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Motor Vehicles:
- All applications shall be made directly to the Idaho Transportation Department, DMV and not to county DMV offices. Each application shall include:
  - (1) A copy of the English translation of the Taiwan Class B driver's license, authenticated by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in

Seattle:

- (2) An original "Verification Certificate of Driver License" (VCDL) issued by Taiwan vehicle offices within three months prior to the date of application;
- (3) Provide proof of identity, lawful presence and residency documentation required by the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Motor Vehicles;
- (4) The appropriate fee as determined by the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Motor Vehicles;
- (5) A current and valid Taiwan Class B driver's license;

These instructions are only for reference. Current law or regulations will be applied to applications not specifically addressed by the agreement. As for other related regulations, please contact the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Motor Vehicles (TEL: +1 208-334-8000, or visit its website: <a href="http://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/">http://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/</a>)

## II. <u>Instructions for Idaho licensed drivers</u> to exchange their <u>Idaho driver's</u> <u>license</u> for a Taiwan driver's license:

A. Taiwan will issue a Class B driver's license to an individual from Idaho who holds a Class D driver's license issued by Idaho, and has a valid Taiwan Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) with a validity period when received of at least one year. Such individuals should submit the application for exchange of a Class D driver's license within one year of the person's most recent entry into Taiwan. No driving skills test is required.

## B. Application Procedure:

a Applying from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle for authentication of the applicant's Idaho driver's license:

All reciprocity applications shall be accompanied by:

- A complete driver's license application form for authentication of documents;
- (2) An original copy of valid U.S. identity documents (passport, citizenship card, permanent resident card or various visas, etc.):
- (3) A current and valid Idaho Class D driver's license;
- (4) An original driver's license abstract issued by the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Motor Vehicles within three months of the date of application. The license status should indicate as "Active";
- (5) the appropriate fee as determined by the Consular Services Fee Schedule;

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(TEL: +1 206-441-4586; E-mail: info@teco-seattle.org).

b. <u>Applying to Taiwan's Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communications:</u>

All reciprocity applications shall be accompanied by:

- (1) A valid original copy of US passport;
- (2) A valid Idaho Class D driver's license;
- (3) A copy of Idaho Class D driver's license authenticated by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle; that provides an English to Mandarin translation.
- (4) A valid Taiwan ARC with a validity period, when received, of at least one year;
- (5) Apply within one year of entry into Taiwan;
- (6) the appropriate fee as determined by Taiwan's Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communications or local vehicle offices;
- (7) A current and valid Idaho driver's license.

These instructions are only for reference. Current law or regulations will be applied to applications not specifically addressed by the agreement. As for other related regulations, please contact Taiwan's Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communications (TEL: +886 2-2307-0123) or local vehicle offices, or visit the website of the Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communications: <a href="http://www.thb.gov.tw">http://www.thb.gov.tw</a>.