



Frequently Asked Questions

Caymanian and Non-Caymanian Driver's Licence Fees | Effective 1 September 2026

General Fee Eligibility

1. What is the implementation date?

The revised fees take effect on 1 September 2026.

2. How will DVDL determine which fee applies to me?

Your fee eligibility will be verified using an approved data source. For online transactions, the information returned must match your authenticated Online Portal profile.

3. What are the fee-eligibility categories?

Customers will be placed into one of three categories:

1. Eligible for Caymanian Fee;
2. Non-Caymanian – Ineligible for Caymanian Fee; or
3. Undetermined – Manual Verification Required.

4. Who is eligible for the Caymanian fee?

The Caymanian fee applies to customers who are verified as Caymanian or verified as qualifying for the Caymanian fee under another approved category, such as being the spouse or civil partner of a Caymanian.

5. What documents may be used to verify eligibility for the Caymanian fee?

Where manual verification is required, bring valid identification and the supporting documents applicable to your circumstances. These may include:

- Verified as Caymanian; or
- Verified as qualifying for the Caymanian fee under another approved category, such as being the spouse or civil partner of a Caymanian.
- Caymanian – section 2 of the Immigration (Transition) (Amendment and Validation) Act 2026
- **CI Voter's ID Card (Elections Office)**
- Passport and/or Birth Certificate (Generational Caymanian)
- Cayman Status Certificate or Letter (WORC)
- Marriage or Civil Partner Certificate (WORC)
- Acknowledgement Certificate or Letter (WORC)

6. Who must pay the non-Caymanian fee?

The non-Caymanian fee applies when the customer is verified as an ineligible non-Caymanian and does not qualify under another approved Caymanian fee-eligibility category. The latest operational guidance lists:

- Work Permit or Gainful Occupation Licence (GOL) holder;
- Student visa holder;
- Naturalization;
- Residency & Employment Rights Certification (RERC);
- Government contracted employees — contract or work permit stamp;
- Permanent Residence;
- BOTC Status;
- Geneva Transfers;
- Passport with work permit stamp or residency.
- A divorce decree, dissolution certificate or other legal document may also be relevant where spouse or civil-partner eligibility must be reassessed.

7. Does being married to or in a civil partnership with a Caymanian make me Caymanian?

No. A verified spouse or civil partner may qualify for the Caymanian fee, but this does not change the person's legal status to Caymanian. See Questions 4 and 5 for eligibility and supporting-document requirements.

8. What happens if my marriage or civil partnership is dissolved?

Your eligibility must be reassessed. If you no longer qualify under another approved category, the applicable non Caymanian fee will be charged.

Online Verification

9. What information must match during online verification?

The identifying information in the WORC verification database must match the information in your authenticated Online Portal profile.

10. What happens if my eligibility cannot be verified online?

The Online Portal will not apply a fee or proceed to payment. You will see a message advising the following: ***“We’re unable to verify your eligibility status. Please visit a DVDL office for assistance.”***

11. Does a missing record mean I am non-Caymanian?

No. A missing or unmatched record must not automatically be treated as confirmation that you are non-Caymanian.

12. Why might my eligibility be undetermined?

Your eligibility may be undetermined if:

- No matching record is found;
- more than one record is returned;
- your identifying information does not match;
- Information is missing or conflicting; or
- The WORC verification database is unavailable.

Manual In-Person Verification

13. What should I bring for manual verification?

You must bring valid identification and the supporting documents applicable to your circumstances. These may include the documents listed below (same as Question 5)

- Verified as Caymanian; or
- Verified as qualifying for the Caymanian fee under another approved category, such as being the spouse or civil partner of a Caymanian.
- Caymanian – section 2 of the Immigration (Transition) (Amendment and Validation) Act 2026
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14. When is an Acknowledgement Certificate or Letter required?

It must be presented where applicable, including for persons born after 26 March 1977 or the 1992 provisions.

15. What happens if my documents are incomplete or cannot be verified?

Your status will not be updated and a fee will not be applied automatically. The transaction will be referred to an authorised DVDL officer or management for further review.

16. Can DVDL manually update my status from non-Caymanian to Caymanian?

Yes, but only after an authorised DVDL officer verifies your identity and approved supporting documents. The previous status, updated status, verification source, documents reviewed and officer completing the update must be recorded.

Driver's Licence Renewals and First-Time Issuance

17. How is the fee applied when I renew online?

After your eligibility is verified, the Online Portal will apply the approved fee for your category and selected renewal period.

18. What happens if the Online Portal or electronic verification service is unavailable?

You must visit a DVDL office. An authorised officer will verify your identity and supporting documents before determining and applying the appropriate fee.

19. How is the fee determined for a first-time driver's licence?

Before issuing a driver's licence for the first time, DVDL must confirm:

- Your identity;
- You do not have a current Cayman Islands driver's licence;
- Your completion of the required written and practical examinations;
- All applicable licensing requirements have been satisfied;
- Verify your fee-eligibility category.

Written-Test Bookings

20. Can I book my written test online?

Yes. Eligible customers can select an available written test date and time and pay the applicable fee through the Online Portal.

21. How will the written test fee be determined?

The Online Portal will verify your fee-eligibility category and display the approved Caymanian or non-Caymanian written-test fee before payment.

22. What happens if my written test payment is unsuccessful?

The booking will not be confirmed. The selected appointment will be released after the permitted reservation period expires.

23. What if I already have an active written test booking?

The system will not allow another active booking for the same test.

Road Test Bookings

24. Can I book my road test online?

No. Road-test bookings must be completed in person at a DVDL office with the assistance of an authorised DVDL officer.

25. What must I bring to book a road test?

You must present a valid learner's licence for the applicable vehicle group and any supporting documents required to verify your fee eligibility.

26. What conditions must be met before I can book a road test?

DVDL must confirm: You have passed the required written test;

- Your learner's licence is active;
- Your learner's licence covers the applicable vehicle group;
- Your learner's licence will remain valid through the road-test date;
- Any applicable waiting period has been completed;
- You have no restriction preventing you from taking the test; and
- You do not already have an active road test booking for the same licence class.

27. Can I book a road test if my learner's licence will expire before the appointment?

No. Your learner's licence must remain valid through the scheduled road test date.

28. How will the road test fee be determined?

An authorised DVDL officer will verify your eligibility and apply the approved Caymanian or non-Caymanian road-test fee, as applicable.

Records and Assistance

29. What information will DVDL record?

Depending on the transaction, DVDL will record:

- Your verification result and fee-eligibility category;
- The verification source;
- Documents reviewed during manual verification;
- The fee applied;
- Booking and payment references;
- The date and time of the transaction; and
- The officer who completed a manual transaction.

30. What should I do if I believe the incorrect fee is being applied before I pay?

Do not complete the payment. Visit a DVDL office with valid identification and the applicable supporting documents so that your eligibility can be reviewed.

31. What should I do if I have already paid an incorrect fee?

Visit any DVDL office with your payment receipt, valid identification and relevant supporting documents to request a review. If the review confirms that you were overcharged, you may submit an application for reimbursement in accordance with DVDL's approved procedures.

32. Which licence categories are affected by the change?

All driver's licence fees for Groups 0–4 have been affected.

Licence / Test	Caymanian Fee	Non-Caymanian Fee
Learner's licence (6 months)	CI\$60	CI\$120
Full driver's licence (1 year, Groups 0–3)	CI\$25	CI\$75
Full driver's licence (3 years, Groups 0–3) – 10% discount	CI\$68	CI\$225
Full driver's licence (5 years, Groups 0–3) – 15% discount	CI\$106	CI\$375
Full driver's licence (10 years, Groups 0–3) – 20% discount	CI\$200	CI\$750
Full driver's licence (1 year, Group 4)	CI\$40	CI\$120
Full driver's licence (3 years, Group 4) – 10% discount	CI\$108	CI\$360
Full driver's licence (5 years, Group 4) – 15% discount	CI\$170	CI\$600
Full driver's licence (10 years, Group 4) – 20% discount	CI\$320	CI\$1,200
Driving test (road)	CI\$50	CI\$200
Written test	CI\$25	CI\$100

Note: The Caymanian 3-, 5- and 10-year full licence rates include multi-year discounts of 10%, 15% and 20% respectively. The non-Caymanian fees are not based on a multi-year discount.

33. Would my vehicle inspection and licence fees change?

No, vehicle inspection and licence fees remain unchanged.

34. Are Non- Caymanian Senior Citizens eligible for the reduced DVDL fees?

Yes. Customers who are 65 years of age or older are eligible for the reduced fee.

35. Did my Geneva Application fee change as a non-Caymanian?

No. That fee remains unchanged, irrespective to your status in the Cayman Islands.