



Embassy of India
Zagreb

IMPORTANT NOTICE/ ADVISORY ON DRIVING LICENSE

It has been brought to the notice of Embassy that many Indian nationals are not producing the original Indian Driving License when asked by Croatian Authorities. Instead they are in possession of duplicate/photocopy of the Indian Driving License.

In this regard, all Indian nationals visiting/residing in Croatia are hereby advised to **always carry their original Indian Driving License for driving vehicles in Croatia.** Those who will be staying for a period longer than 1(one) year should **apply for Croatian Driving License within one year of their arrival in Croatia.** **As regards Digital Driving Licences, the Croatian authorities have conveyed that they are unable to recognize a digital driver's licence issued by another country, the Driver must carry a physical (Paper or Card) form of the Driver's licence.**

A certificate issued from this Embassy regarding translation of categorization of vehicles as per Croatia **cannot and should not be used as a replacement of the Original Indian driving license** as the same is issued solely for the purpose of conversion of Indian Driving License to Croatian Driving License. Please note that it is mandatory to carry Original Driving License while driving on roads in Croatia. Multiple cases have been reported for possession of duplicate/photocopy of the licenses which is not acceptable as per Croatian Law for which legal consequences may be faced (including penalties, prison, ban on entering into Croatia or EU, and forced deportation etc.).

All Indian nationals in Croatia are encouraged to stay updated with local traffic laws and procedure. Procedure for applying for Croatian Driving License is available at the following link:<https://mup.gov.hr/aliens-281621/information-regarding-driving-licence-and-road-traffic/exchanging-a-driving-licence/286588>

This advisory is issued in the interest of Indians in Croatia.
