Section 1 of the guide: A Dubai driving licence: how I exchanged my licence, without tests

Who can exchange

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- **You must hold a licence from a country on the list** (see the next section). The exchange covers the categories listed for your country. I exchanged my own licence this way in October 2025.
- **You need a valid licence.** If your licence has expired, renew it in the issuing country first.
- **You need a residence visa.** The exchange is possible once you have residency, for example a Golden Visa (see the Golden Visa guide). According to the RTA, if your residency was issued in another emirate, you need to show a link to Dubai, such as living or investing there.

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Moving to Dubai, or already have residence?

Tell me where you are in the process, and I will share what I did.

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This information is based on my own experience in October 2025 and on RTA publications, and is correct as of the update date. The requirements can change.