

## Applying for a Work Licence in Queensland

It is important to consider applying for a work licence in the event that you are going to lose your drivers licence due to being charged with drink driving, failing to supply a specimen of breath or blood, or driving with a relevant drug in your blood or saliva.

However, a work licence may only be applied for if it is necessary that you have your licence to keep your job. A work licence will allow you to drive for work purposes even though your drivers licence has been cancelled.

In order to be eligible for a work licence in Queensland, certain criteria must be met. You may be eligible if you: -

- have been charged with drink driving, failing to provide a specimen of breath or blood, or driving with a relevant drug in the blood or saliva;
- intend to plead guilty and are going to lose your driver licence;
- need your licence for work;
- held a current Queensland open driver licence for the vehicle you were driving at the time of the offence;
- had a blood alcohol concentration level of less than 0.15% when you were caught;
- weren't driving for your job or already on a work licence at the time of the offence;
- weren't driving under a licence that required your blood alcohol concentration to be zero when you were caught;
- hold a current Queensland open driver licence when you apply for the work licence;
- haven't been convicted of drink driving or a similar offence in the last 5 years;
- haven't been convicted in Queensland of dangerous driving in the last five years; and
- haven't had your licence disqualified, suspended or cancelled in the last five years.

If you are eligible for a work licence, you will need to make an application to the Magistrates Court for an order for a work licence. If the Magistrate grants an order for a work licence, it is likely that they will impose conditions on the work licence. For example, the purposes or times in which you can drive.

Should you have any queries or wish to apply for a work licence please contact Jordana Abela of our office.

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