ICBC translation requirements

The following list does not include all possible countries and is updated as needed. If your country is not listed, please visit an ICBC driver licensing office.

For some countries and jurisdictions, translations may only be required if your original licence:

- Has non-English characters
- Does not have images of vehicles you're approved to drive
- Is on a piece of paper with written vehicle descriptions

You **may still** be asked to provide translations for your driver's licence or other documents, even if this list indicates that no translation is required.

Translation requests are done at ICBC's discretion.

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Country	Is translation required?
Afghanistan	Yes
Albania	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Algeria	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Andorra	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Angola	No
Anguilla	No
Antigua and Barbuda	No
Argentina	Yes
Armenia	No
Aruba	No
Australia	**Western Australia:** no **All other states:** no, but you're required to provide a letter of experience showing the date your licence was first issued
Austria	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Azerbaijan	No
Bahamas	No
Bahrain	No

Bangladesh	No
Barbados	No
Belarus	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Belgium	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Belize	No
Benin	Yes
Bermuda	No
Bhutan	No
Bolivia	Yes
Bonaire	No
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No
Botswana	No
Brazil	No
British Virgin Islands	No
Brunei	No
Bulgaria	No
Burundi	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Burkina Faso	No
Cambodia	No
Cameroon	No
Cayman Islands	No
Central African Republic	Yes
Chad	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Chile	Yes
China	Yes
Colombia	Yes
Cook Islands	No
Costa Rica	Yes
Croatia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Cuba	Yes
Curaçao	Yes
Cyprus	**Turkish region:** yes **All other regions:** No
Czechia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.

Democratic Republic of the Congo	No
Denmark	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Djibouti	Yes
Dominica	No
Dominican Republic	Yes
East Timor	Yes
Ecuador	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Egypt	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
El Salvador	No
Equatorial Guinea	Yes
Eritrea	Yes
Estonia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Eswatini	No
Ethiopia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Faroe Islands	No
Fiji	No
Finland	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
France	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Gambia	No
Georgia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Germany	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Ghana	No
Greece	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Grenada	No
Guam	No
Guatemala	Yes
Guernsey	No
Guinea	Yes
Guinea-Bissau	Yes
Guyana	No

Haiti	No
Honduras	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Hong Kong	No
Hungary	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Iceland	No
India	No
Indonesia	Yes
Iran	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Iraq	**Iraqi Kurdistan:** If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required. **All other regions:** If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Ireland	No
Isle of Man	No
Israel	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Italy	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Ivory Coast	Yes
Jamaica	No
Japan	Yes
Jersey	No
Jordan	No
Kazakhstan	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Kenya	No
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Kiribati	No
Korea	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Kosovo	No
Kuwait	No
Kyrgyzstan	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Laos	No
Latvia	No

Lebanon	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Lesotho	No
Liberia	No
Libya	Yes
Liechtenstein	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Lithuania	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Luxembourg	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Macau	No
Macedonia (North Macedonia)	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Madagascar	No
Malawi	No
Malaysia	No
Maldives	No
Mali	Yes
Malta	No
Marshall Islands	No
Mauritania	Yes
Mauritius	No
Mexico	Yes
Moldova	No
Monaco	Yes
Mongolia	No
Montenegro	No
Montserrat	No
Morocco	Yes
Myanmar	No
Namibia	No
Nepal	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Netherlands	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
New Zealand	No
Nicaragua	Yes
Niger	Yes
Nigeria	No

Norway	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Oman	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Panama	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Papua New Guinea	No
Paraguay	Yes
Peru	Yes
Philippines	No
Poland	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Portugal	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Puerto Rico	Yes
Qatar	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Republic of the Congo	No
Romania	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Russia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Rwanda	No
Saint Christopher and Nevis	No
Saint Lucia	No
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	No
Samoa	No
San Marino	No
Senegal	Yes
Serbia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Seychelles	No
Sierra Leone	No
Singapore	No
Slovakia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Slovenia	No
Soloman Islands	No
Somalia	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.

Somaliland	No
South Africa	No
South Sudan	No
Spain	No
Sri Lanka	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Sudan	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Suriname	Yes
Swaziland	No
Sweden	No
Switzerland	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Syria	Yes
Taiwan	Yes. Translation must be done by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO).
Tajikistan	No
Tanzania	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Thailand	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Togo	No
Tonga	No
Trinidad and Tobago	No
Tunisia	Yes
Turkey	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Turkmenistan	No
Turks and Caicos	No
Uganda	No
Ukraine	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
United Arab Emirates	No
United Kingdom	No
Uruguay	Yes
Uzbekistan	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Vanuatu	No
Venezuela	Yes

Vietnam	If your licence is an older or alternative format, translation may be required.
Yemen	Yes
Zambia	No
Zimbabwe	No