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I Am Here: obtaining your identification and vital documents

Brunei

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National Identification Cards

What type of document can youth seek which will allow them to move around the country?

You may obtain a [Smart Identity Card](#) or a [General Certificate of Identity](#) (GCI). The GCI is for Brunei citizens and allows travel only to Sabah, Sarawak and Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan. If you are a permanent resident, you may obtain a [Certificate of Identity](#). You can apply for a Smart Identity Card whether you are a citizen, permanent resident, or non-citizen/permanent resident.

What is the process for getting a National ID card?

The [Brunei Department of Immigration and National Registration](#) oversees the process for issuing National ID cards to citizens, permanent residences, and foreigners. Brunei's National ID card is called a Smart Card. You can apply for a Smart Card at the Department's headquarters or any of its office branch in all districts. You will need several documents that the Department lists on its website [here](#).

Where can I find information online about getting a National ID?

You can find information about getting a National ID from the Brunei government's immigration website [here](#).

What documents do I have to have to get a National ID? Is there any document that I must have to get an ID?

You can find a list of documents you need to get a National ID on the Brunei government's immigration website [here](#). The documents you'll need will depend on your immigration status. For a Brunei citizen who is 12 years of age or older applying for an ID card for the first time, you will need the following documents:

- Complete application form
- Birth certificate (original and photocopy)
- National certificate (original and photocopy)
- Father's identity card (for first Ordinary IC application who just reach 12 years old)
- Payment: BND\$15.00

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

You need to report the discrepancy to the nearest registration office and apply for a replacement identity card with the correct particulars.

Kindly check the page 9 here:
[https://www.agc.gov.bn/AGC%20Images/LOB/pdf/Cap19subrg1%20\(3\).pdf](https://www.agc.gov.bn/AGC%20Images/LOB/pdf/Cap19subrg1%20(3).pdf)

What if I only have foreign documents?

If you only have foreign documents, you may be able to apply for a Brunei National ID card as a "foreigner." The process to apply for a National ID card can be found on the Brunei Department of Immigration and National Registration website [here](#).

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a National ID card?

As National IDs are compulsory for all citizens at the age of 12. If the primary requirements are not available, you may consult from the authorized representative to check if other documents you may have are valid by clicking this link:

[Department of Immigration and National Registration](#)

For obtaining IDs based on age, you may click this link below:

<https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx>

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a National ID card?

You may be able to apply for a Brunei National ID card as a "foreigner." The process to apply for a National ID card can be found on the [Brunei Department of Immigration and National Registration](#) website [here](#).

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

Providing full address of residence or employer and employer's address.

You need to get a Smart Identity Card. Yellow for citizens ship, Purple for permanent residency and Green for temporary residency.

You can check the URL below for additional information

<https://www.mfa.gov.bn/hongkong/SitePages/consularservices.aspx#:~:text=Supporting%20documents%20as%20proof%20of,applicant%27s%20current%20and%20previous%20passport>

What can I do if I do not have residency in this country?

You may be able to apply for a Brunei National ID card as a "foreigner." The process to apply for a National ID card can be found on the [Brunei Department of Immigration and National Registration](#) website [here](#).

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

Yes, having a mailing address is necessary. In some cases, you may obtain a temporary mailing address while you sort things out. Unfortunately, there doesn't appear to be any special laws surrounding homelessness.

The "[Sistem Kebajikan Negara](#)" (SKN) or the National Welfare System is a collection of welfare schemes under one system for the public to apply for assistance from various agencies. Applications submitted through SKN will be processed by the relevant agencies and further investigation will be conducted to assess if the applicant is eligible to receive assistance.

If you're homeless and in need of assistance, consider reaching out to SKN for support. They can provide guidance on how to navigate the system and access the resources available to you.

Source: <https://www.skn.gov.bn/>

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

No, you cannot complete the application process online. The [Brunei Department of Immigration and National Registration](#) oversees the process for issuing National ID cards to citizens, permanent residences, and foreigners. Brunei's National ID card is called a Smart Card. You can apply for a Smart Card at the Department's headquarters or any of its office branch in all districts. You will need several documents that the Department lists on its website [here](#).

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

Yes, there is an application fee. The amount of the fee depends on what type of National ID card (called "Smart Identity Card") you apply for. You can find the fees on the Brunei Department of Immigration and National Registration [website](#) and are listed below (as of May 2025).

- Yellow Smart Identity Card (Brunei citizens 12+years of age or older): \$BND15
- Purple Smart Identity Card (permanent residents): \$BND20
- Green Smart Identity Card (non-citizen or permanent residents): \$BND20

There is no publicly documented waiver option for individuals who cannot afford the fee. If someone is experiencing financial hardship, they would need to inquire directly at the police

administration or police station handling administrative affairs to see if any exceptions or assistance may be available.

How old do I have to be to apply for a National ID card by myself?

In Brunei Darussalam, the minimum age to apply for a National ID card (Yellow Smart Identity Card) is 12 years old. However, individuals aged 12 cannot apply independently. For a first-time application at age 12, the following is required:

- A completed application form
- Birth certificate (original and photocopy)
- National certificate (original and photocopy)
- Father's identity card (specifically required for first-time applicants who have just turned 12)
- Payment of BND 15.00

This indicates that parental involvement is required for applicants under 18 years old.

More information is available on the official Brunei Immigration and National Registration Department website:

<https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx>.

Citizens can apply for a Yellow Smart Identity Card starting at the age of 12. However, while the card is issued to individuals aged 12 and older, the application must typically be submitted by a parent or legal guardian for minors.

There is no indication on the official [Brunei Immigration and National Registration Department website](#) that individuals aged 12 can apply independently without adult involvement. Therefore, while the card is issued at age 12, youth under 18 generally require a parent or guardian to complete the application process.

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

In Brunei Darussalam, if you are under the age of 18 and do not have a parent or guardian to accompany you or assist with the application for a Yellow Smart Identity Card, you cannot apply independently. The application process for minors requires the involvement of a parent or legal guardian, particularly for first-time applicants at age 12.

The official requirements for first-time applicants include the father's identity card, which confirms that parental presence or documentation is mandatory.

There are no publicly documented exceptions or alternative procedures for minors without a parent or guardian. In such cases, assistance may be needed from a legal representative or through social services.

More information is available on the official Brunei Immigration and National Registration Department website:

<https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx>

At what age can I get a National ID card by myself?

A [Yellow Smart Identity Card](#) is issued to citizens beginning at the age of 12. However, while the card is issued at that age, individuals cannot apply for it independently at 12. The application process for minors requires the involvement of a parent or legal guardian, and documentation such as the father's identity card is specifically required for first-time applicants.

There is no indication on official government sources that youth aged 12 or older can apply for a national ID card by themselves.

More information is available on the official Brunei Immigration and National Registration Department website:

<https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx>

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

There are no publicly documented special provisions in the national ID application process specifically for foster youth. However, under the [Children and Young Persons Act \(Cap 219\)](#) and the [National Framework on Child Protection \(NFCP\)](#), children who are in the custody of the government—such as those in foster care, kinship care, or residential care—are legally represented by the [Department of Community Development \(JAPEM\)](#) or a court-appointed guardian.

Since the application for a Yellow Smart Identity Card requires a parent or legal guardian to submit the request for minors, children in state care would have their application handled by JAPEM or another authorized representative acting in the role of guardian.

More information:

- [Brunei Immigration and National Registration Department – Identity Card: https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx](#)
- [Yellow Card Application Requirements \(PDF\): https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SiteAssets/SitePages/Identity%20Card/Documents/%20required%20%28first%20time%20application%29%20YELLOW%20CARD.pdf](#)
- [National Framework on Child Protection \(NFCP\) – Brunei Darussalam \(PDF\): http://japem.gov.bn/Documents/nfcp.pdf](#)

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

There are currently no publicly documented special provisions specifically for homeless youth applying for a National ID card in Brunei Darussalam.

However, under Brunei's child protection framework—particularly the Children and Young Persons Act (Cap 219) and the National Framework on Child Protection (NFCP)—youth without stable housing or parental care may fall under the responsibility of the Department of Community Development (JAPEM). In such cases, JAPEM or a court-appointed guardian would act as the legal representative for the child or youth, including in administrative matters such as applying for a national ID card.

This means that while there is no separate ID application process for homeless youth, the existing legal and welfare system ensures that a responsible authority can assist them in obtaining necessary documents.

Relevant resources:

- Children and Young Persons Act (Cap 219): http://www.agc.gov.bn/AGC%20Images/LAWS/ACT_PDF/cap219.pdf
- National Framework on Child Protection (NFCP): <http://japem.gov.bn/documents/nfcp.pdf>
- JAPEM Services: <http://japem.gov.bn>
- National ID Card Information: <http://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx>

Will I have to take a test?

No, you do not have to take a test to apply for a National ID card (Yellow Smart Identity Card).

The application process involves submitting required documents such as a completed form, birth certificate, and a parent or guardian's ID (for minors), but there is no examination or test involved.

You can find full details on the official Brunei Immigration and National Registration Department website:

<https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx>

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

No, you do not have to take a test to apply for a National ID card (Yellow Smart Identity Card) in Brunei Darussalam.

The application process involves submitting the required documents—such as a completed form, birth certificate, and supporting identification—but there is no written, oral, or practical test involved.

You can find full application details on the official Brunei Immigration and National Registration Department website:
<https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Identity%20Card.aspx>

Driver's License

What organization issues a driver's license in this country?

The organization responsible for issuing driver's licenses is the Land Transport Department (Jabatan Pengangkutan Darat, JPD).

You can find official information about driving licenses, including application procedures, eligibility, and renewal, on their website:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

What is the process for getting a driver's license?

You will need to take a driving test to obtain a Brunei driving license. The driving test consists of a theoretical exam and a practical driving exam.

To apply for a driving test, you will need to provide the following documents:

- Your passport
- A copy of your work permit or employment pass
- A copy of your residence permit
- Two passport-sized photographs

Once you have these documents, you can apply for a driving test at the Department of Road Transport. You will need to pay a fee for the test. More information:

<https://www.expatfocus.com/brunei/guide/brunei-driving-licenses>

After successfully passed the driving test, drivers can apply for a Provisional Driving Licence which is valid for one (1) year)

You can apply for full driving license after one year of Provisional Driving License. Full Driving Licence can be chosen either for a period of 1, 3, 5 or 10 years (for Class 1 and 3 Driving Licence only). [Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

Where can I find information online about getting a driver's license?

Additional information is available on the and Transport Department (Jabatan Pengangkutan Darat, JPD) website: [Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

What documents do I have to have to get a driver's license? Is there any document that I must have to get a driver's license?

To apply for a driving test, you will need to provide the following documents:

- Your passport
- A copy of your work permit or employment pass
- A copy of your residence permit
- Two passport-sized photographs

These requirements apply when registering for a driving test, which is the first step in obtaining a provisional or full driving license.

- You can find more information and access the official application form here:
- [Land Transport Department – Driving Licenses](#)
- [Driving Licence Application Form \(PDF\)](#)

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

In changing personal details to correct your name and address in the documents, you may reach out to the authorized representative of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the processing. <https://www.gov.bn/directories/moha.aspx>

If you already have a driver's license, you should inform the JPD ([Land of Transportation Department](#)) about these changes within one month from the date of change.

If the change occurs when you're outside of Brunei, you must notify the JPD **within one month** upon your return to Brunei Darussalam.

There are several methods provided by LTD facilitating the public to inform of any changes in their personal details, namely:

- Send SMS to LTD's mobile number: +6737181641 by typing the Name, Smart Identification Card No., Mobile Phone No. (Only one number being actively used) and an active email.
- Send via Email: info_ltd@land-transport.gov.bn with details of no. 1 above.

- Fill in completely the provided form and put inside a box specifically provided for updating personal information of drivers. The box is placed at the LTD's Headquarters and at all LTD's branches in the other 3 districts.
- Inform directly to the clerk on duty at the counter at LTD.

For questions, you may reach out to the JPD by clicking the contact details link below:

[Land Transport Department - Contact Info](#)

What if I only have foreign documents?

You can either apply for IDP if it is a short visit. An International Driving Permit (IDP) is recognized in Brunei. An IDP is a document that allows you to drive in countries where your home country driving license may not be recognized. You can obtain an IDP in your home country. It's important to note that an IDP is not a replacement for a valid driving license. You must still carry your valid driving license with you when driving in Brunei.

You can also convert your foreign driving license to Brunei Driving license. If you are a citizen of a country that has a license exchange agreement with Brunei, you can exchange your valid driving license for a Brunei one without taking a driving test. To do so, you will need to provide the following documents:

- Your valid driving license
- Your passport
- A copy of your work permit or employment pass
- A copy of your residence permit
- Two passport-sized photographs

If your driving license is issued by one of the countries that are party to the 1949 Geneva Convention then Brunei permits you to drive in the Sultanate for not more than a year.

Foreigners who wish to reside in Brunei Darussalam longer than 1 year or foreigners holding a foreign driving licence for commercial or public service vehicles can apply for a Brunei driving licence. Details available here:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a driver's license?

If your documents are not accepted when applying for a driver's license in Brunei, your application will be rejected or delayed until the correct and complete documentation is provided. The Land Transport Department (JPD) requires all applicants to submit valid and accurate documents, such as:

- Passport
- Work permit or employment pass (for foreign applicants)

- Residence permit
- Passport-sized photographs

If any of these are missing, incorrect, or expired, the application will not proceed. You will be asked to resubmit the correct documents before you can continue with the process.

There is no formal appeal process listed for rejected applications, but you can visit or contact your nearest JPD branch for clarification and to resolve any issues.

More information is available at:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a driver's license?

You do not have to be a permanent resident of Brunei to obtain a driver's license, but you must have legal residence status (such as a valid work or residence permit) to apply.

Here are the key points:

- Foreign residents in Brunei can convert their foreign driving license to a Brunei driving license if their country has a license exchange agreement with Brunei. No driving test is required in this case.
- Required documents for conversion include:
 - Valid foreign driving license
 - Passport
 - Work permit or employment pass
 - Residence permit
 - Two passport-sized photographs
- If your license is from a country that is a party to the 1949 Geneva Convention, you may drive in Brunei for up to one year without converting your license.
- Foreigners staying in Brunei for more than one year, or those holding a foreign license for commercial or public service vehicles, must apply for a Brunei driving license and submit their residence permit.

More information is available from the Land Transport Department:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

In Brunei Darussalam, being a resident means that you are legally living in the country under one of the recognized residency statuses. Residency is typically proven through the type of Smart Identity Card you hold:

- Yellow Smart Identity Card – for Brunei citizens

- Purple Smart Identity Card – for permanent residents
- Green Smart Identity Card – for temporary residents (e.g., foreign workers)

To prove residency, you may be required to provide:

- Your Smart Identity Card (Yellow, Purple, or Green)
- Your passport
- A copy of your work or residence permit
- The full address of your residence in Brunei
- Your employer's name and address (if applicable)

These documents are often required when applying for services such as a driver's license, bank account, or visa.

For more details, you can refer to the Brunei Ministry of Foreign Affairs consular services page:

[Consular Services](#)

What can I do if I do not have residency in this country?

If you **do not have residency in Brunei**, you can still drive legally for a limited time using an **International Driving Permit (IDP)**.

Here are the key points:

- Brunei **recognizes IDPs** issued by foreign authorities.
- If your home country is a party to the **1949 Geneva Convention**, you may drive in Brunei for **up to one year** using your valid foreign license along with an IDP.
- The IDP must be obtained in your **home country** before arriving in Brunei.
- You must carry both your **IDP and your valid national driving license** while driving in Brunei.
- This option is suitable for **short-term visitors or non-residents**.

For more information, visit the Land Transport Department's official page on driving licenses:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

Or the IDP-specific page:

[Land Transport Department - INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT](#)

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

In Brunei Darussalam, while the official regulations for obtaining a driver's license do not explicitly mention homelessness, applicants are generally required to provide a valid address as part of the application process. This is typically used for identification and administrative purposes.

If you do not have a fixed address, this may present a challenge. However, the Land Transport Department (JPD) allows applicants to collect their printed driving license at the counter, and digital licenses are also accessible through the TransportBN application. This may reduce the need for a mailing address in some cases.

There is no publicly documented alternative process for individuals experiencing homelessness. In such situations, consider contacting the Land Transport Department directly to inquire about possible accommodations or to clarify what can be accepted as proof of address.

More information is available at:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

Step 1: Register with e-Darussalam

Go to www.gov.bn

Click on Register e-Darussalam.

Step 2: Activate e-Darussalam Account

- After successfully registering your e-Darussalam account, applicants are required to go to the Online Service Counter at your nearest LTD branch to activate your account.
- You are required to bring along your Smart Identification Card for verification purposes.
- Once the account has been activated, an email containing the password will be sent. It is advisable to change the password that has been provided.

Step 3: Choose the LTD service that is required

- Go to the e-Darussalam website (www.gov.bn).
- Choose the LTD service required under 'Transport' (Pengangkutan). Click Renewal of Driving Licence or Renewal of Vehicle Licence (Road Tax).
- Click Log In. Enter your Smart Identification Card number and your password.
- Fill in the online form for Renewal of Driving Licence or Renewal of Vehicle Licence.
- Please take note of your application reference number.

Note: If this is your first time applying online, you will be required to update and confirm your user information. Once completed, click again on the desired e-service and fill in the online form.

Step 4: Payment

- Credit, Debit or Cash Card Payment:
 - After successful payment has been made, an e-mail containing details of the collection place will be sent. Please refer to Step 5.

- Cash Payment:
 - You are advised to make payment at the Online Service Counter at your nearest LTD branch.
 - If no payment has been made within two (2) weeks from the date of application, the application will be cancelled.

Step 5: Collection

- Applicants can choose to collect their printed Driving Licence at the Counter and can refer their Digital Licence in TransportBN application.
- For Renewed Vehicle Licence, applicants can refer their Digital Licence in TransportBN application, no printed Vehicle Licence will be issued. Applicants can print the Vehicle Licence in PDF format using feature in TransportBN application.
- For collection at LTD Online Service Counters:
 - Please take note that collection of Driving Licence at LTD Online Service Counter will take three (3) working days.
 - For Renewal of Driving Licence, applicants are advised to bring along their current driving licence to any of LTD Online Service Counters listed below:

[Land Transport Department - Online](#)

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

Yes, there is an application fee for obtaining a driver's license in Brunei Darussalam. For example:

- The fee for a Provisional Driving Licence is BND 5.00.
- The fee for a Full Driving Licence varies depending on the duration selected (1, 3, 5, or 10 years).
- A replacement license (e.g., for lost or damaged cards) costs BND 10.00.

You can find the full breakdown of license types and associated fees on the Land Transport Department's official page:

[Land Transport Department - Classification of Licences](#)

As of now, there is no publicly available information indicating that a fee waiver is offered for individuals who cannot afford to pay the application fee. For case-specific inquiries or possible exceptions, consider contacting the Land Transport Department (JPD) directly.

How old do I have to be to apply for a state driver's license by myself?

You must be at least 18 years old to apply for a driver's license by yourself. This is the minimum legal age for most standard vehicle categories, such as Class 3 (private cars).

However, the minimum age may vary depending on the classification of the license you are applying for. For example:

- Class 1 (Motorcycle under 250cc): Minimum age is 16
- Class 3 (Private car): Minimum age is 18
- Class 5 (Heavy vehicles): Minimum age is 21

You can find the full list of license classes and age requirements on the official Land Transport Department website:

[Land Transport Department - Classification of Licences](#)

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

If you are applying for a driver's license, you must meet the minimum age requirement for the specific license class. For most common license types (such as Class 1B, 1A, 1, 3, and 7), the minimum age is 18 years old. At this age, you are considered legally capable of applying independently, without the need for a parent or guardian.

Therefore, if the application process mentions needing a parent or guardian, it does not apply to these license classes, as you must already be an adult to qualify.

You can find the full list of license classes and age requirements here:

[Land Transport Department - Classification of Licences](#)

At what age can I get a driver's license card by myself?

In Brunei Darussalam, you can receive a driver's license card by yourself starting at the age of 18, provided you are applying for one of the standard license classes such as:

- Class 1B, 1A, 1 – Motorcycles
- Class 3 – Private and commercial vehicles under 3000kg
- Class 7 – Invalid carriages and pedestrian-controlled vehicles

At this age, you are legally considered an adult and can apply independently without needing a parent or guardian.

For higher vehicle classes (such as heavy commercial vehicles or buses), the minimum age is 21, and additional requirements may apply.

You can find the full list of license classes and age requirements here:

[Land Transport Department - Classification of Licences](#)

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

Yes, the previous answer is confirmed to be accurate and applicable to Brunei Darussalam.

There are no special provisions explicitly outlined in Brunei's laws for foster youth or children in government custody regarding the process of obtaining a driver's license. However, under the Children and Young Persons Act (Cap 219), children in state care are under the legal responsibility of protectors or appointed guardians, who are authorized to act on their behalf in legal and administrative matters—including applying for a driver's license once the child reaches the eligible age.

Children and Young Persons Act (Cap 219) – [Children and Young Persons Order Act \(hjh.zufriah.fm\)](#)

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

The regulation does not specify any provisions for homeless youth.

There are currently no specific legal provisions outlined in the regulations for homeless youth applying for a driver's license.

The standard requirements for obtaining a driver's license include:

- Proof of identity (e.g., passport or Smart Identity Card)
- Proof of legal residence (e.g., residence permit or work pass)
- A valid address (typically required for registration and correspondence)

Since a fixed address is generally required, homeless youth may face challenges in meeting this requirement. However, the law does not explicitly prohibit homeless individuals from applying, nor does it provide alternative procedures or accommodations.

The relevant legislation, including licensing regulations, can be found in the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations, 2013:

https://www.agc.gov.bn/AGC%20Images/LAWS/Gazette_PDF/2013/EN/s023.pdf

For case-specific guidance, individuals may need to contact the Land Transport Department (JPD) directly.

Will I have to take a test?

Yes, in Brunei Darussalam, you will generally need to take a driving test to obtain a Brunei driver's license—unless you qualify for a license exchange.

You do not need to take a test if:

- You are a citizen of a country that has a license exchange agreement with Brunei.
- You hold a valid foreign driving license from a country that is a party to the 1949 Geneva Convention.
- You are applying to convert your foreign license to a Brunei license for private vehicles (not commercial or public service vehicles).

To convert your license without a test, you must provide:

- Your valid foreign driving license
- Your passport
- A copy of your work permit or employment pass
- A copy of your residence permit
- Two passport-sized photographs

You must take a test if:

- Your country does not have a license exchange agreement with Brunei.
- You are applying for a license for commercial or public service vehicles.
- You do not hold a valid foreign license.

More information is available from the Land Transport Department:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

[Land Transport Department - INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT](#)

[Land Transport Department - Brunei Driving Regulations](#)

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

Yes, you need to make an appointment to apply for a driving test, you will need to provide the following documents:

- Your passport
- A copy of your work permit or employment pass
- A copy of your residence permit
- Two passport-sized photographs

Once you have these documents, you can apply for a driving test at the Department of Road Transport. You will need to pay a fee for the test.

You can use this website to set an appointment

<https://www.gov.bn/Lists/Mobile%20Apps/NewDisplayForm.aspx?ID=20>

Where can I take the driving test? What can I do if I cannot get to a testing location?

You can take the driving test at Training and Driving Test Circuit Complex Sungai Akar

- It was built to provide a conducive place for training and driving test suitable for future drivers.
- Aimed as an integrated, comprehensive and modern facility for training and driving test.

- As a venue for teaching directly, more effectively and organized about knowledge of driving.

[Land Transport Department - Training and Driving Test Circuit Complex](#)

For Renewal of Driving Licence, applicants are advised to bring along their current driving licence to any of LTD Online Service Counters listed below:

- District - Brunei Muara
- Branch - Training and Driving Test Circuit Complex Sungai Akar
- District - Tutong
- Branch - LTD Branch, Tutong District
- District - Belait
- Branch - LTD Branch, Kuala Belait
- District - Temburong
- Branch - LTD Branch, Temburong District

[Land Transport Department - Online](#)

Do I need to get a permit or authorization to practice driving before I get my driver's license?

Yes, you are required to obtain a Provisional Driving Licence before applying for a full driver's license.

Here's how the process works:

Step 1: Basic Theory Test

- You must enroll at a certified driving school and attend a minimum of 6 hours of theory classes.
- The Highway Code test consists of 60 multiple-choice questions in English and Malay, covering road signs, markings, signals, traffic rules, and safety.

Step 2: Provisional Driving Licence

- After passing the theory test, you are issued a Provisional Driving Licence, valid for 1 year.
- This license allows you to practice driving under supervision and is a prerequisite for taking the practical test.

Step 3: Practical Driving Test

- You must pass the practical test, which assesses your ability to drive safely in various traffic conditions.

- The test includes driving on public roads and/or a designated driving circuit.

Once you pass the practical test, you can apply for a Full Driving Licence, which can be issued for 1, 3, 5, or 10 years depending on the license class.

More details are available at:

[Land Transport Department - Driving Licenses](#)

[Land Transport Department - Classification of Licences](#)

Birth Certificate

What is the document detailing a person's birth called in this country?

That document is called a "Birth Certificate" or "Sijil Kelahiran" (Source(s):

[Service List - Application for Registration of Birth Certificate...;](#)
<https://www.gov.bn/Lists/Service%20List%20BM/NewDisp.aspx?ID=236>)

I'm not sure I have a birth certificate, what can I do to find out if I have one and where to get it?

If you're unsure whether a birth certificate was ever issued for you, and you're not in contact with a parent or guardian who might know, you can still take steps to find out.

In Brunei, the Birth and Death Registration Act (Cap. 79) requires that a birth be reported within 14 days by a parent, guardian, or any person present at the birth. If your birth was registered, a certificate should exist.

To check or request a copy of your birth certificate, you can apply through the Immigration and National Registration Department, under the Ministry of Home Affairs – [Immigration - Birth registration details](#)

You do not need to prove contact with your family to do this.

What you can do:

- Submit an application for a copy of your birth certificate
- Provide any documents you have that can help identify you (e.g., identity card, passport, or other official records)
- Pay a BND 5.00 fee

Helpful links:

- Birth Registration Information – Immigration and National Registration Department: <https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Birth%20registration%20details.aspx>
- Application Form for Copy of Birth Certificate (PDF): [Borang Permohonan Untuk Salinan Sijil Kelahiran.pdf](#)
- Service Info – gov.bn: [Service List - Application for a Copy of Birth Certificate...](#)

How do I get a copy of my birth certificate?

You may apply for a copy of your birth certificate under the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs. This requires other documentations and has a fee of BND\$5.00. (Source(s):

<https://www.gov.bn/Lists/Service/NewDisplay.aspx?ID=114;>

[Permohonan cabutan sijil kelahiran.pdf](#)

[Borang Permohonan Untuk Salinan Sijil Kelahiran.pdf](#))

Can I order my birth certificate online?

No, this cannot be done online. You will need to visit the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs directly to be able to apply for a copy of your birth certificate. You will need to fill out a form and submit it in person. This requires other documentations and has a fee of BND\$5.00. (Source(s):

[Service List - Application for a Copy of Birth Certificate...;](#)

[Permohonan cabutan sijil kelahiran.pdf](#)

[Borang Permohonan Untuk Salinan Sijil Kelahiran.pdf](#))

What documents will I need to get my birth certificate?

According to the [Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs](#), you will need to provide the following:

A) For a lost birth certificate:

- Completed application form
- A valid police report
- Original copy of the birth certificate (if available)

B) For a burnt birth certificate:

- Completed application form
- A valid report from the Fire and Rescue Department (original and copy)
- Original copy of the birth certificate (if available)

C) For a damaged birth certificate:

- Completed application form

- Original birth certificate

Official Sources:

- Service Info – gov.bn: <https://www.gov.bn/Lists/Service/NewDisplay.aspx?ID=114>
- Application Requirements (PDF): [Permohonan cabutan sijil kelahiran.pdf](#)
- Application Form (PDF): [Borang Permohonan Untuk Salinan Sijil Kelahiran.pdf](#)

What happens if I don't have some or all of the documents that are required?

If you do not have some or all of the required documents to apply for a birth certificate or other services through the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs in Brunei Darussalam, there is no official guidance published online that outlines a specific process for such cases.

However, based on general administrative practice, you may be able to:

- Submit alternative or equivalent documents that help establish your identity or eligibility.
- Include a letter of explanation describing why the required documents are unavailable.
- Request assistance or clarification directly from an officer at the department.

For personalized guidance, consider contacting the department directly. They may be able to advise you on acceptable alternatives or next steps based on your specific situation.

Contact the Immigration and National Registration Department:

- Contact page: [Immigration - Contact Us](#)
- Main website: [Home - Jabatan Imigresen Dan Pendaftaran Kebangsaan](#)

How old do I have to be to get a copy of my birth certificate by myself?

Unfortunately, the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs does not provide any answer nor information on this, nor are there any publicly available information on the age of requirement.

It may be inferred that you may need to be of legal age (18 years) before you can apply for a copy. However, you may want to consult an officer from the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs directly for this question. (Source: <https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Contact%20Us.aspx>)

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me to get a birth certificate (and the application says I have to have one)?

Unfortunately, the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs does not provide any answer nor information on this, nor are there any publicly available information on having a lack of guardianship.

In some cases, if a person cannot obtain a birth certificate due to a lack of guardianship, they may be required to explain why and provide additional documentation. Moreover, the birth certificate application in Brunei does not explicitly state whether you are required to be accompanied by a guardian or not. However, you may want to consult an officer from the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs directly for this question. (Source: [Immigration - Contact Us](#))

What is the cost to get a birth certificate?

Fee for obtaining the birth certificate cost at BND \$5.00 (USD 3.72)

[Permohonan cabutan sijil kelahiran.pdf](#)

Is there a waiver if I cannot afford the fee?

Waivers are not stated on their website. It's best to consult with the Authorized Representative to check if the fee can be waived.

<https://www.gov.bn/directories/moha.aspx>

Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I have been in the foster care system (children in custody of the government)?

For those with foster parents, the parents may apply directly.

Registration of Foster Child

Registration and issuance of adoption Certificate must be made upon the foster parent obtained the Permanent Order from the Syariah court (For Muslim) and ' Adoption Order from the civil courts (For non Muslim)

Documents of Foster Parents

- Identification Card of Husband/Wife (Original and Copy)
- Birth Certificate of Husband/Wife (Original and Copy)
- Marriage Certificate of Husband/Wife (Original and Copy)
- Islamic Declaration Letter (If Applicable)(Original and Copy)

(Source: <https://www.gov.bn/Lists/Service/NewDisplay.aspx?ID=235>)

Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I am homeless?

Yes, there are specific provisions that allow foster parents or legal guardians to register a foster child and obtain a birth certificate or adoption certificate, depending on the legal status of the child.

Key Provisions for Foster Youth:

- Foster parents may apply for the registration of a foster child and the issuance of an adoption certificate.
- This process must be completed after obtaining a court order:
 - A Permanent Order from the Syariah Court (for Muslim applicants), or
 - An Adoption Order from the Civil Court (for non-Muslim applicants)

Required Documents for Foster Parents:

- Identification Card of husband and wife (original and copy)
- Birth Certificate of husband and wife (original and copy)
- Marriage Certificate (original and copy)
- Islamic Declaration Letter (if applicable) (original and copy)

These documents are submitted to the Immigration and National Registration Department, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, as part of the birth or adoption registration process.

Official Source:

- Application for Registration of Birth Certificate – gov.bn:
[Service List - Application for Registration of Birth Certificate...](#)

Where do I get my birth certificate if I was born in another country?

If you were born outside of Brunei Darussalam and need to obtain a birth certificate, the process depends on your citizenship status and parental background.

If your biological father is a Brunei citizen:

- You may be eligible for Brunei citizenship, but citizenship is only granted to a child whose mother is a Brunei citizen once the child reaches 2 years of age and is residing in Brunei.
- This is outlined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – <https://www.mfa.gov.bn/usa-washington/SitePages/bruneicitizenservices.aspx#app1>

If your birth was registered in Brunei but you are now living abroad:

- You can apply for a copy of your birth certificate through the Immigration and National Registration Department.
- The application must be submitted through a Brunei diplomatic mission or consulate.

- Required documents and procedures are outlined in this official PDF:
[PERMOHONAN CABUTAN DI LUAR NEGERI.pdf](#)

If your biological parents are unknown:

- Consult directly with the Immigration and National Registration Department for case-specific guidance.
- Contact directory: <https://www.gov.bn/directories/moha.aspx>

For general information on birth registration and related services, visit:
[Immigration - Birth, Death and Adoption](#)

Is there a way to get my birth certificate without going somewhere in person?

No, this cannot be done online.

You will need to visit the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs directly to be able to apply for a copy of your birth certificate.

Source(s): [Service List - Application for a Copy of Birth Certificate...](#)

[Permohonan cabutan sijil kelahiran.pdf](#)

[Borang Permohonan Untuk Salinan Sijil Kelahiran.pdf](#)

Where can I find information online about getting a birth certificate?

You may find information on obtaining or applying for a birth certificate on the website of the Immigration and National Registration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs using the following links:

- [Service List - Application for a Copy of Birth Certificate...](#)
- [Permohonan cabutan sijil kelahiran.pdf](#)
- [Borang Permohonan Untuk Salinan Sijil Kelahiran.pdf](#)

Making Changes to Government ID Documents

What vital doc should I start with to change my name? Is the process easier for one of the IDs?

To begin the name change process in Brunei Darussalam, the key document you will need is a statutory declaration. This is a formal legal statement declaring that you have renounced your former name and adopted a new one.

What vital document should I start with to change my name?

You should start with a statutory declaration, which must be submitted to a registration officer at the nearest registration office. According to Brunei law, if your identification card contains incorrect personal particulars (other than your address), you are required to surrender it and provide a statutory declaration confirming your name change.

The statutory declaration must state that:

- You absolutely renounce and abandon the use of your former name.
- You have assumed a new name for all legal and personal purposes.

The registration officer will retain and file this declaration as part of the official record.

This process is outlined in the Registration of Persons Regulations under the Registration of Persons Act (Cap. 19). You can view the regulation here: <https://www.agc.gov.bn/AGC%20Images/LOB/pdf/Cap19subRq1.pdf>

Is the process easier with an ID?

Yes. If you already have a valid identification card, the process is more straightforward because your identity is already established in the national registry. For individuals without documentation—such as homeless or undocumented youth—there is currently no publicly available guidance on alternative procedures. In such cases, consult directly with the Immigration and National Registration Department for case-specific advice.

How do I change my name on my birth certificate?

To change your name on your birth certificate in Brunei Darussalam, there is limited publicly available information specifically addressing this process. However, based on the Registration of Persons Regulations and related legal references, the following steps and documents are typically involved:

You must submit a statutory declaration to a registration officer stating that:

- You renounce and abandon your former name.
- You have assumed a new name for all legal and personal purposes.

This declaration is retained and filed by the registration officer. If your identification card contains incorrect personal particulars (other than your address), it must be surrendered and corrected through this process.

This requirement is outlined in the Registration of Persons Regulations under the Registration of Persons Act (Cap. 19):

<https://www.agc.gov.bn/AGC%20Images/LOB/pdf/Cap19subRq1.pdf>

For Birth Certificate Updates

Although the law does not explicitly describe the process for updating a birth certificate after a name change, such changes are typically handled by the Immigration and National Registration Department, under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

You can contact the department directly for case-specific guidance:

- Main website: <http://www.immigration.gov.bn>
- Birth, Death, and Adoption Services: <https://www.immigration.gov.bn/en/SitePages/Birth,%20Death%20and%20Adoption.aspx>

How do I change my name on my National ID?

If you require any modifications to your National Identity Card, you may apply for a Change of Information. You will be required to submit the following:

- [Complete application form](#)
- [Smart Card Identity \(original and photocopy\)](#)
- [Payment of BND\\$10.00](#)

Sources:

[Immigration - Identity Card](#);

[DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SMART CARD IDENTITY REPLACEMENT FOR CHANGE OF INFORMATION.pdf](#))

How do I change my name on my driver's license?

To change your name on your driver's license in Brunei Darussalam, the Land Transport Department (LTD) provides several methods for updating personal details:

Methods to Update Your Name:

- SMS
Send a message to LTD's mobile number: +673 718 1641
Include the following details:
 - Full name
 - Smart Identification Card number
 - Mobile phone number (only one active number)
 - Active email address
- Email
Send the same information listed above to:
info_ltd@land-transport.gov.bn
- In-Person Form Submission
 - Fill out the official form for updating personal information.
 - Drop the completed form into the designated box at:
 - LTD Headquarters
 - Any LTD branch office in the other three districts
- In-Person Notification
 - Visit an LTD office and inform the clerk on duty at the counter directly.

Source: [Land Transport Department – Driving Licenses](#)

At what age can I change my name by myself?

The law does not clearly specify a minimum age at which a person can independently change their name.

- A “child” is defined under Brunei law as anyone under the age of 14.
- Full legal capacity—the ability to make binding legal decisions independently—is generally recognized at 18 years of age, particularly under the Brunei Nationality Act
- The Registration of Persons Regulations (under Cap. 19) outlines the process for changing personal details, including name, through a statutory declaration submitted to a registration officer. However, it does not specify a minimum age for submitting such a declaration independently

Because the law does not explicitly state the age at which a person gains procedural capacity (i.e., the ability to initiate legal processes like a name change), it is safest to assume that 18 years old is the minimum age to change your name independently in Brunei.

For minors, a parent, guardian, or legal representative would likely need to initiate the process on their behalf.

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian with me to change my gender marker and do not have anyone else who can help me?

You can reach out to social services or non-governmental organizations or to the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sports (<https://www.kkbs.gov.bn/en/Pages/Section-Social-Services.aspx>) that work with homeless youth. These organizations can provide support and guidance through the legal process.

What vital doc should I start with to change my gender marker? Is the process easier for one of the IDs?

In Brunei Darussalam, current laws do not allow for gender marker changes on identification documents, including birth certificates, national ID cards, or driver's licenses.

Additional information: [International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association \(ILGA World\)](#)

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Laws in force in Brunei do not allow for gender marker change in identification documents.

Additional information: [International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association \(ILGA World\)](#)

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