

# Orientation to Ontario

## TRANSPORTATION

### DRIVING

You can use your driver's license from your home country for the first 60 days that you are in Ontario.

To get an Ontario driver's license, you will need to present identification documents. You should also bring your driver's license and proof of your driving experience from your home country. You may need to take a vision test and pass a knowledge test.

- For more information about obtaining an Ontario's driver's license, visit [drivetest.ca](http://drivetest.ca) or [findlink.at/driverinfo](http://findlink.at/driverinfo)
- To find out which documents you will need, visit [drivetest.ca](http://drivetest.ca) or [findlink.at/licensing](http://findlink.at/licensing)

Learn about the rules of the road in Ontario at [ontarion.ca](http://ontarion.ca) or [findlink.at/dhandbook](http://findlink.at/dhandbook)

### INSURANCE

Every car owner must have insurance. Ontario has a no-fault insurance plan. If you are injured or your car is damaged in an accident, you file claims with your own insurance company, not the other driver's company.

- Learn about no-fault insurance at the Insurance Bureau of Canada: [ibc.ca](http://ibc.ca) or [findlink.at/nofault](http://findlink.at/nofault)

Find insurance brokers and companies in the Yellow Pages at [yellowpages.ca](http://yellowpages.ca)

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Many communities in Ontario have a public transportation system. You can buy individual fares but it is often cheaper and easier to buy monthly passes or fares in bulk. Some systems have special rates for students and seniors.

To learn about public transportation in your area, check the Blue Pages of your phone book or visit the Ministry of Transportation at [ontario.ca](http://ontario.ca) or [findlink.at/transit](http://findlink.at/transit)

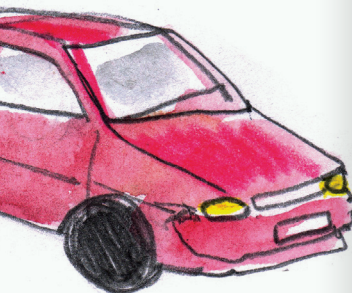
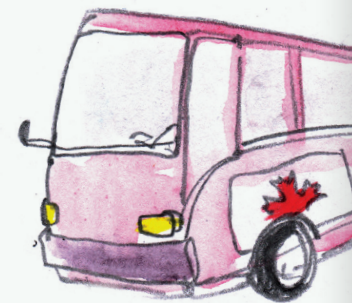
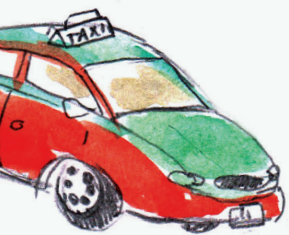
**Taxis or cabs-** You can call a taxi dispatch or use a smart phone app to arrange a taxi. In some cities, you can wave a taxi down in the street. Most taxis are metered and you should be able to clearly see the meter. You can ask the driver for an approximate cost before you get in.

Look for a local taxi service in the Yellow Pages or visit [yellowpages.ca](http://yellowpages.ca)

**Car and Truck Rentals-** You can rent cars and small trucks for the day, a weekend or longer through private rental companies. Read the contract carefully. Look for a rental company in the yellow pages or visit [yellowpages.ca](http://yellowpages.ca)

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**Car Share-** In larger cities, you can join a car-sharing service that allows you to rent a car for short periods of time and pay by the hour. These services have convenient pick-up and drop-off locations. Look for car sharing companies in the Yellow Pages or visit [yellowpages.ca](http://yellowpages.ca)

### CYCLING

Some communities have designated cycling lanes for commuters and recreational cycling paths. As a cyclist, you must obey all traffic laws. Cyclists under 18 years of age must wear a bike helmet.

To learn more about cycling and safety, call Service Ontario at **1-800-267-8097** or visit the Ministry of Transportation at [ontario.ca](http://ontario.ca) or [findlink.at/Cycling](http://findlink.at/Cycling)

### IMPORTANT NOTE

- Carry your driver's license for identification.
- Always have your insurance and ownership papers in the vehicle.
- Never drink and drive.
- Don't phone or text while driving.
- Always wear your seatbelt.
- A special license is required for trucks and motorcycles.

