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Driving License — Prawo Jazdy in Germany

EU citizens can drive with a Polish driving license indefinitely in Germany, but must exchange it for a German one if lost or expired. Non-EU licenses typically require an exchange exam.

Deutsche Begriffe: Führerschein | Umschreibung | Fahrerlaubnis | Fahrschule | Prüfung

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Do you have a Polish driving license?

As an EU citizen, you can drive with a Polish driving license **WITHOUT TIME LIMIT**.

BUT: If you lose it or it expires — you must exchange it for a German one.

Exchange (Umschreibung) — when required?

Driving license from	Exchange required
EU (Poland, etc.)	NO (unless expired)
Ukraine	YES — 6 months to exchange
USA, Canada	YES — sometimes without exam
Turkey	YES — with exam
Other countries	YES — usually with exam

How to exchange your driving license?

1. Where: Führerscheinstelle (at Bürgeramt or separate office)

2. Documents:

- Passport + Anmeldung (registration)
- Old driving license + certified translation
- Biometric photo
- Eye test (Sehtest) — ~7€
- First aid course (Erste-Hilfe-Kurs) — ~30-50€

3. Cost: ~35-45€

New driving license in Germany?

If you don't have a driving license:

Costs:

Element	Cost
Theory course	200-400€
Lessons (12 mandatory + additional)	1500-2500€
Theory exam	~23€
Practical exam	~120€
Eye test	~7€
First aid course	~30-50€
TOTAL	2000-3500€

Duration:

- Theory: 14 × 90 minutes
- Practice: min. 12 special lessons + training
- Overall: 3-6 months

Penalty points (Flensburg)

Germany has a point system:

- 1-3 points: for violations

- 4-5 points: warning
- 6-7 points: paid course
- **8 points: license revocation!**

Points are deleted after 2.5-10 years (depends on violation).

Useful links:

- Check points: [kraftfahrt-bundesamt.de](https://www.kraftfahrt-bundesamt.de)
- Driving schools: Google "Fahrschule [city]"