# Camping Card International (CCI)

The Camping Card International (CCI) is a useful and widely recognised document throughout Europe and Africa at camping and caravanning sites.

A Camping Card provides Third Party Liability Insurance in respect of:

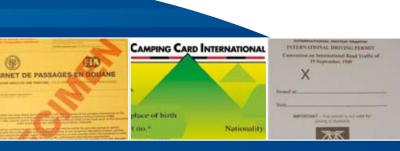
- bodily injury or disease; and
- damage to property caused by you or any person travelling with you in the same private vehicle (maximum 11 passengers).

As well as providing members with insurance against accidents occurring while on the campsite, the CCI is a respected proof of identity that has the same value as a passport for the campsite owners.

Upon arrival at a campsite, simply hand in your CCI so you can keep your passport with you. A camping card is valid for 12 months and may also entitle members to a small reduction in charges at some sites.

Camping Cards are widely used in Europe. Some campsite proprietors will not allow non-CCI holders to use a site.

A comprehensive list of campsites in Europe is available on line at the AIT/FIA/FICC website: http://www.campingcardinternational.com



## International Driving Permit (IDP)

Australia is a signatory to the UN Convention on International Road Traffic, (Geneva, 1949).

An International Driving Permit translates your Australian Driving Licence into a format that is standardised and recognised internationally, verifying the category and validity of your licence in 9 different languages.

IDPs are valid for 12 months and are available through any State/Territory Motoring Club in Australia. All you need is a copy of your current driver's licence, a passport size photo, signed application form and applicable fee.

## Benefits of an **International Driving Permit (IDP)**

- An IDP carries your identification details in 9 languages (English, Spanish, Japanese, Greek, German, Italian, Russian, Chinese and French) in case you need to communicate with foreign authorities;
- An IDP is printed in an official standard format which is widely recognised by traffic authorities around the world and allows holders to drive without further tests or examinations;
- In some countries you may be asked to surrender your passport under certain circumstances. An IDP provides an extra recognisable form of photo ID;
- In some countries IDPs are required for renting motor vehicles.
- **Note:** An IDP is not a stand alone document and must be carried with a current National Driving Licence at all times while overseas. An IDP holder must conform strictly to local laws and regulations.

#### Internet IDP Warning

Counterfeit IDPs are being offered for sale on the Internet, usually at inflated prices. These forged IDPs are illegal and can get the holder into a great deal of difficulty with traffic authorities in various countries. In Australia, only the Australian Automobile Association (AAA) - through the State & Territory Motoring Clubs - is authorised to issue IDPs.

# Carnet de Passages en Douane (CPD)

Australia is a signatory to the UN Convention on Customs formalities for the Temporary Importation of Private Motor Vehicles (New York, 1954).

Just as you require international identification, commonly by way of a passport, so does your vehicle.

The document used to identify your vehicle is called a Carnet de Passages en Douane (CPD Carnet), from the French meaning 'notebook'.

The Australian Automobile Association (AAA) is a member of the AIT/FIA Carnet network, which effectively acts as a guarantor to Customs' authorities around the world for the repayment of duties on motor vehicles temporarily imported for touring purposes.

The CPD includes both vehicle and holder details and allows Customs to simply remove either an import or export voucher each time your vehicle enters or exits a country.

A Carnet is essential for the temporary importation of vehicles into most African, Asian, Middle East and South American countries, as well as New Zealand. A carnet is not required for motor vehicles, campervans or motorcycles entering Europe and North America.

A Carnet allows for the temporary importation of your vehicle into all accepting countries without the need to reregister your vehicle. Simply display an 'AUS' sticker to show authorities you have current Australian registration.

A Carnet is valid for 12 months and is available to current financial members of any State and Territory motoring club by simply providing an adequate security deposit, signed application form and fee. The vehicle must remain fully registered in Australia for the Carnet to remain valid.

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# International motoring



The Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and the International Touring Alliance (AIT) are the world-wide organisations of Touring Clubs and Automobile Associations.

FIA and AIT clubs agree to provide a broad range of services to each other's members travelling abroad. Some of these services include touring information, maps and breakdown services for a time frame of 3 months in each country.

Clubs also provide international documents such as International Driving Permits, Camping Cards and CPD Carnets, each valid for 12 months.

