

Snow Licences

What is Required?

In addition to the normal conditions for authorised bus drivers in NSW (Driver Authority, Heavy Vehicle Licence), additional requirements are imposed on drivers carrying passengers in Kosciusko National Park during the ski season (between 1 June and 15 October). These special requirements are in recognition of the icy, foggy and dangerous driving conditions typical of the area at that time of year.

To drive within Kosciusko National Park during that period, applicants are required to have:

- (a) completed a specific snow driver training course AND completed one supervised journey in a bus or coach of at least equal weight and configuration. This supervised journey must have been into snowfield areas (during the ski season), and the supervising driver must have driven a similar vehicle in snowfield areas on at least three prior occasions; OR
- (b) driven a bus or coach of at least equal weight and configuration into snowfield areas on at least three occasions prior to 1 June 1992.

The Snow Driver Training Course

The snow driving training course is a half-day (4 hour) course run by a recognised training provider. Snow driving courses are held at BusNSW Offices (27 Villiers Street, North Parramatta) and at other locations across the state. Following completion of the course and the supervised journey, successful applicants are issued with a Snow Driver's Licence (the licence is for life).

What evidence must a Snow Driver Carry?

Drivers who have undertaken a specific training course need to carry their snow driver's licence with them whenever they are in the National Park.

In the event that a driver has the necessary experience in snow driving but has not undertaken a course, that driver must carry documentation demonstrating when and where this experience was acquired (e.g. letters from accredited operators).

Further Information

For dates and locations of Snow Driver Training Courses contact BusNSW on (02) 8839 9500.