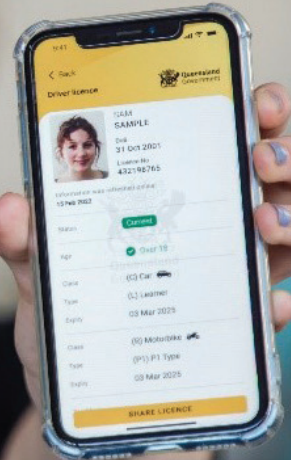


# DIGITAL LICENCE ON THE WAY

QUEENSLANDERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A DIGITAL LICENCE APP IN 2023.



**R**ESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES across Townsville can look forward to participating in an expanded digital licence trial.

The digital licence app is being upgraded following a successful pilot on the Fraser Coast with greater functionality and new features based on feedback.

Townsville residents can help shape the app by testing improved functionality and features in early 2023 before it is available statewide later in the year.

Queenslanders can use the digital licence app to store their driver licence, marine licence and/or photo identification card easily and securely on their mobile devices.

Through legislation passed in 2020, the digital licence is the legal equivalent of the physical licence under Queensland law.

General Manager of Passenger Transport Strategy and Technology at the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Martin Bradshaw, said the app offered a safe and convenient way for Queenslanders to share and validate their identity digitally.

"This means Queenslanders can use their digital licence as a legitimate form

of identification and will no longer need to carry their physical licence with them," Mr Bradshaw said.

Using the digital licence app is not compulsory, so customers can opt-in to download the digital version.

Those who opt-in will continue to receive their physical cards for their licences and photo identification as they are renewed.

Mr Bradshaw said the digital licence app was developed with security and privacy at its heart and incorporated features to protect personal data and ensure authenticity.

"Users can control the information they share and with whom they share it by choosing one of the app's sharing

bundles," he said. "Users select the appropriate bundle to share their information, like 'Prove I am over 18' or 'Share my identity'."

So, to purchase alcohol, the user needs only to share their photo and that they are aged over 18.

There is no need to disclose name, date of birth or address. To prove your identity, a photo, your name and date of birth are all that's required.

The app's privacy-by-design feature keeps personal information safe and secure while sharing just the relevant information to meet requirements.

The app is secured behind native phone security and a six-digit access PIN, which protects from identity theft and fraud.

The digital licence complies with the international standard for mobile driver licence apps. This means the app meets international standards for verifying, authenticating and keeping personal information safe, secure and private.

Queenslanders can use their digital licence in any jurisdiction in Australia or overseas, which has also aligned their mobile driver licence to this standard. ■ For more information, visit [qld.gov.au/transport/projects/digital-licence](http://qld.gov.au/transport/projects/digital-licence).

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