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Nigeria: Whether Nigeria issues international driver's licences; if so, information on the issuing authority and the procedure for obtaining one (2008-2011)  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Two Nigerian government sources consulted by the Research Directorate confirmed that Nigeria issues international driver's licences (Lagos 9 Feb. 2011; Nigeria 8 Feb. 2011).

In a 9 February 2011 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a representative of the Motor Vehicle Administration Agency (MVAA), the organization that issues driver's licences in the state of Lagos (Lagos n.d.), stated that in Nigeria, international driver's licences are issued at Nigeria Police Force (NPF) offices.

The procedure for obtaining an international driver's licence in Nigeria is described in an article published on 29 January 2011 by the Lagos daily *National Life Online*:

- You must possess the Nigerian driver's licence.
- Pay prescribe[d] fee and complete the permit form at [the] Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity.
- The permit is then sent to the Interpol [office] at the Nigerian Police Force.
- [The] licence is then issue[d] to the applicant.

Corroborating information could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

### References

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### **Additional Sources Consulted**

**Oral sources:** Attempts to reach representatives of the embassies and high commissions of Nigeria in Bern, London, Ottawa and Washington, D.C., the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) of Nigeria, and the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) were unsuccessful.

**Internet sites, including:** Afrik.com, AllAfrica.com, British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), *Daily Champion* [Lagos], *Daily Independent* [Lagos], *Daily Trust* [Lagos], *This Day* [Lagos], Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), *The Guardian* [Lagos], *Jeune Afrique*, *The News* [Lagos], *Newswatch* [Lagos], Nigeria Police Force (NPF), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), PANAPress (PANA), *The Punch* [Lagos], United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United States - Department of State, *Vanguard* [Lagos].

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