



## RESPONSES TO INFORMATION REQUESTS (RIRs)

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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of the Congo: International driver's permit issued in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), including its use and the number of DRC citizens who possess it; whether this permit is used to travel within the country	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy		
References		
Publications	Sources consulted by the Research Directorate indicate that the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) issues the international driver's permit to its citizens (DRC 25 June 2010; <i>ibid.</i> 24 June 2010; CDH 24 June 2010).	
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	During a 25 June 2010 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a representative of the Ministry of Transport and Communication Routes (ministère des Transports et Voies de communication) in the DRC stated that all Congolese citizens are entitled to request an international driver's permit. However, stating that he did not know how many people have one, the ministry's representative specified that the holder of the international driver's permit is not authorized to use it to drive within the country (DRC 25 June 2010; <i>ibid.</i> 24 June 2010). The international driver's permit issued to Congolese citizens must be used to drive in other countries ( <i>ibid.</i> 25 June 2010; <i>ibid.</i> 24 June 2010; CDH 24 June 2010).	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division		
Decisions		
Forms		
Statistics		
Research		
Research Program	Additional information on other uses that the Congolese people might have for the international driver's permit could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	
National Documentation Packages	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.	
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets		
Responses to Information Requests		
Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News		
Information Sheets	Centre des droits de l'homme et du droit humanitaire (CDH). 24 June 2010. Telephone interview with a representative.	
Media Relations	Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). 25 June 2010. Ministère des Transports et Voies de communication. Telephone interview with a representative.	
Transparency		
Completed Access to Information Requests	_____. 24 June 2010. Embassy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in Ottawa. Telephone interview with a representative.	

### References

### Additional Sources Consulted

Proactive Disclosure

**Oral sources:** Attempts to contact the Commission nationale de délivrance des permis de conduire (CONADEP) in Kinshasa were unsuccessful.

**Internet sites, including:** Afrol News, AllAfrica.com, European Country of Origin Information Network (ecoi.net), Gouvernement de la République démocratique du Congo (RDC), Grioo.com, InfoSud-Belgique (InfoSud), Internationale de l'éducation (IE), Organisation internationale de la francophonie (OIF), Réseau des médias francophones (MEDI AF), United Nations — Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN), United Nations — United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United States — Department of State.

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