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Subject: RE:Reciprocal Class 6 Licenses - Why not France?(ACR-425008)
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Thank you for visiting the Alberta Government feedback web site. Following is the response to your question prepared by Transportation :

Thank you for writing to Alberta Connects concerning exchanging a Class 6 license with France

When a reciprocal driver licensing agreement was signed with France in 2008, only French Class B and Alberta Class 5 licences were included. Most reciprocal agreements that Alberta has signed do not include motorcycle operator licences, as you noted. This has happened in large part because an Alberta Class 6 licence holder can operate any size and type of motorcycle. Many jurisdictions limit riders by type, size and engine displacement and adhere to a progressive motorcycle licensing structure. Because those licence categories do not correspond to Alberta classifications, it is not possible to reciprocate licences in that class.

Exchanging your Alberta Class 5/6 licence for a French Class B licence will enable you to drive private passenger vehicles in France. However, if it is your intention to ride a motorcycle while in France, you will have to comply with France's rider licensing requirements.

Upon your return to Alberta, and provided your Alberta licence has not been expired for more than three years, you can renew your Alberta licence and retain your Class 6 without additional testing.

Thank you for using Alberta Connects.

On 2016-12-01 23:07:00.0 you wrote:

Hello,

I've lived in Alberta since 2012, at which time I exchanged my full Ontario license for a Class 5 license. I gained my Class 6 license in 2014 in Alberta. I am interested in moving to France for a couple of years, followed by a return to Alberta, but have seen from the Service Alberta website that only my Class 5 license will be exchanged in France: the website says that only Australia, the Isle of Man, and Switzerland have exchange agreements with Alberta for class 6 licenses.

I am wondering why there is no exchange available for Class 6 licenses with France, and whom I might petition about pursuing this issue. The Government of France website shows that they take exchanges of both motorcycle and auto licenses from almost every other country on the planet, so I find it odd that Alberta stands alone with just Iran, Bosnia/Herzegovina, and several states and provinces in North America as regions which won't do reciprocal exchanges of motorcycle licenses with France.

I would greatly appreciate any information that is available on this topic, or if you have a better place to contact, I am interested in enquiring with them.

Regards,
Sam Walker-Kierluk

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