

# Driver Awareness Course



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# The Driver Awareness Course involves both theory and practical components spread over a total duration of eight hours.

The Graduated Licensing Scheme enables P1 drivers to progress to P2 after one year provided that the Hazard Perception Test is passed and the previous 12 months is demerit point free.

If a driver incurs demerit points (without disqualification) they can still progress to P2 after 12 months by satisfactorily completing the Driver Awareness Course and then passing the Hazard Perception Test. Alternatively, drivers can wait until they have held a P1 licence for 12 consecutive months without incurring a demerit point, or two years before undertaking the Hazard Perception Test.

The Driver Awareness Course covers the common elements known to be associated with new drivers being involved in a road crash - poor hazard perception, over confidence and risky behaviour. Participants are educated about the risks and shown practical ways to avoid them.

For safety reasons, holders of a motorcycle licence are exempt from the practical component of this course. Motorcyclists are exposed to similar scenarios during the Rider Safe course.

A Certificate of Driver Attainment is awarded to successful participants. This must be presented at a Customer Service Centre before undertaking the Hazard Perception Test and progressing to a P2 licence.

The approved provider of the Driver Awareness Course is Roadsafe Australia Pty Ltd, 3 Frederick Road, Royal Park, SA 5014. Telephone (08) 8241 1877.

A fee is payable prior to commencement.

For further information please contact the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure by calling 13 10 84 or visit [www.dtei.sa.gov.au](http://www.dtei.sa.gov.au) or a Customer Service Centre.