

My licence rules!



New rules for L and P drivers
from 31 October 2005

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The Graduated Licensing Scheme has been enhanced to provide new drivers with more extensive skills and experience to safely progress to a full driver's licence.

Unfortunately statistics show that new drivers, particularly those aged 16 to 20 years, are up to three times more likely to be involved in a serious road crash. But research has also found that strengthening the driving experiences and supervision of new drivers through graduated licensing schemes can lead to significant reductions in crashes both before and after obtaining a driver's licence.

This guide outlines the new process of obtaining a full driver's licence - a gradual process which includes more supervised driving during the Learner's Permit phase; a two-stage Provisional Licence (P1 and P2) and compulsory Hazard Perception Test; rewards for drivers who do the right thing; and heavier penalties for those who don't.

Complete instructions, process and penalties are outlined in ***The Driver's Handbook*** which may be purchased from a Customer Service Centre listed on the back of this guide.



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Effective 31 October 2005



Learner's Permit

- 16 years or older
- Pass Theory Test
- (Bike Class pass Basic Rider Safe)



P1 Provisional Licence

- 16 1/2 years or older
- Hold a Learner's Permit for at least six months
- Complete 50 hrs (includes min 10hrs at night) supervised driving
- Pass practical driving test or competency based training
- (Bike Class pass advanced Rider Safe)



P2 Provisional Licence

- 17 1/2 years or older
- Pass Hazard Perception Test
- Also pass driver awareness course if one, two or three demerit points incurred and want to progress after 12 months or hold P1 for two years

Not displayed on vehicle

Full Licence

- 19 years or older (20 years+ if one - three demerit points incurred)
- Hold provisional licence continuously for minimum of two years including six months on P2



Disqualification anywhere during this process will result in an increase to the periods spent on each stage.

Learner's Permit

You must be 16 years or older before you can apply for a Learner's Permit, at which time you may sit for the Theory Test based on the road rules and road safety topics at an authorised Customer Service Centre.


Once a Learner's Permit has been issued you can begin driving a motor vehicle under the supervision of a **qualified supervising driver**.

A qualified supervising driver must have held a full licence (not subject to conditions) for at least two years and must not have been disqualified in the previous two years.

Yes, members of your family and others can supervise your driving, providing they meet these requirements.



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You are required to complete a logbook as your training progresses. The logbook is called **The Driving Companion** and is available from Customer Service Centres. It needs to be signed by your qualified supervising driver confirming they have supervised you driving at least 50 hours under a range of conditions including a minimum 10 hours at night. Conditions may also include driving on a freeway, highway, driving under peak traffic conditions and on unsealed roads.

You must have at least 50 hours of supervised driving experience and hold a Learners Permit for at least six months before you can apply for a P1 Provisional Licence.

Learners issued a permit prior to 31 October 2005 are not required to complete a logbook.

Motorcycle Learners complete the Advanced Ridersafe Course and therefore do not complete a logbook.

Provisional Licence - P1 and P2

Two stages have been introduced to the Provisional Licence (P1 and P2) and a *Hazard Perception Test* must be passed to progress from P1 to P2.

Holders of a Provisional Licence issued prior to 31 October 2005 retain the existing conditions and will progress to a full licence without undertaking a Hazard Perception Test, unless disqualified.

You will hold a Provisional Licence (P1 and P2) for two years or until your 19th birthday whichever is longer as long as you don't commit a driving offence incurring a demerit point.

Provisional Licence (P1)

You obtain a Provisional Licence (P1) by undertaking a practical driving test conducted by an authorised instructor, or you can complete a competency based course with an accredited instructor who will assess your driving ability during a series of practical sessions.

Once you have been granted your Provisional Licence (P1) you will be authorized to drive under specified conditions. You must not breach the conditions of your Provisional Licence. If you do breach your conditions the licence is cancelled and a P1 licence will be issued at the end of your licence disqualification.

You must also display "P" plates on the front and rear of your vehicle at all times (rear only on motor cycles).



Provisional Licence (P2)

The P2 Licence enables you to drive a motor vehicle without the need to display "P" plates. You can progress to a Provisional Licence (P2) after passing the Hazard Perception Test. You can sit the Hazard Perception Test after 12 months of continuous driving without incurring a demerit point.

If you incur between one and three demerit points (without disqualification) you can progress to P2 after one year provided you successfully complete a Driver Awareness Course and pass the Hazard Perception Test. The Driver Awareness Course consists of theoretical and practical components spread over a total duration of eight hours.

Additional penalties have also been introduced. If you:

- a) commit a single offence that incurs four or more demerit points, or
- b) commit two or more offences each resulting in three or more demerit points being accumulated

then, your Provisional Licence will be disqualified and when re-issued you will be prohibited from driving between midnight and 5am for 12 months.

The Hazard Perception Test

To progress from a P1 to a P2 Licence you must pass the Hazard Perception Test.

You will undertake this test on a computer at an authorised Customer Service Centre.

The Hazard Perception Test will take you through a series of driving situations to measure your ability to recognise and respond to potentially dangerous situations and react appropriately.

Research shows that a lack of the skills tested here are a major contributor to road crashes, particularly those involving young and inexperienced drivers.

Full Licence

After holding the Provisional Licence (P1 and P2) for two years (with a minimum of six months on P2), and reaching the minimum age of 19 without committing a driving offence - you may apply for a Full Licence.

For more information

www.dtei.sa.gov.au

Phone 13 10 84

Available between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local call.

Or visit a Customer Service Centre

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Theory tests are available before 4.15pm only.

Adelaide City and Metropolitan areas

Adelaide	EDS House, 108 North Terrace
Christies Beach	Upper ground floor, 111 Beach Rd
Elizabeth	Prince Charles Walk, Elizabeth City Centre
Gawler	Cnr Cowan & Murray Streets
Marion	493 Morphett Road Oaklands Park
Mitcham	15-17 Princes Road, Torrens Park
Modbury	116 Reservoir Road
Port Adelaide	64 Dale Street
Prospect-Enfield	Northpark Shopping Centre 264 Main North Road
Regency Park	Kateena Street
Tranmere-Firle	Tranmere Village 172 Glynburn Rd

Country

Berri	29 Vaughan Terrace
Kadina	10 Digby Street
Mount Gambier	11 Helen Street
Murray Bridge	19 Seventh Street
Naracoorte	14 Butler Terrace
Port Augusta	9 Mackay Street
Port Lincoln	73-75 Tasman Terrace
Port Pirie	Shop 7-8, 72-80 Ellen Street
Whyalla	171 Nicolson Avenue



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