

## How do I get my licence back if I am disqualified?

### Learner's Permit holders

Once a Novice Driver Type 1 learner's permit holder completes their 3 month disqualification, they can resume their driver training on their existing Learner's Permit, provided the permit has not expired or been cancelled.

### Novice Driver Type 1 and 2 Provisional Licence holders

If you're a Novice Driver Type 1 or 2 with a provisional licence, you'll have to apply for a new licence and pass both your Computer Theory Test and a Practical Driving Assessment again. This process can only start at the end of your disqualification period. There are no Extraordinary Licence or Good Behaviour Period provisions for Novice Drivers.

## What happens to my existing demerit points?

They remain with you, but to make it fair for Novice Drivers who have demerit points recorded against them before 1 December 2010, the points recorded before the new law takes effect will NOT count towards the Graduated Demerit Point System.

**Please remember your points record is not wiped clean;** these pre-existing points WILL still count towards the current demerit point limit of 12 points.

However, any points recorded against you after 1 December 2010 will count towards both the Graduated Demerit Point System and current limit of 12 points.

## What will happen in Double Demerit Point periods?

There are periods when the demerit points for certain offences are doubled. As a Novice (L or P-Plate) Driver you'll clock-up Double Demerits just like everyone else who breaks the road rules. The difference is you could wipe-out your demerit allowance – and your licence - with one offence.

Find out more about Double Demerit Point periods at the Office of Road Safety website: [www.ors.wa.gov.au](http://www.ors.wa.gov.au)



## Where can I get more information?

We recommend that you visit [www.transport.wa.gov.au/novice](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/novice) where you'll find a complete set of FAQ's and all the information you need to know.

Check your Demerit Points online or phone 1300 720 111.



## Taking care of your 4

### The new demerit system for **L** and **PP** plate drivers

If you're a Novice (L or P-Plate) Driver, you'll need to take good care of your points. Because from 1 December 2010, you'll be allowed to gain fewer demerits before you lose your licence.



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## 4 POINTS

**From 1 December 2010, Novice Drivers (that's L and P-Plate drivers) will be subject to the new Graduated Demerit Point system. Quite simply, you'll have fewer demerit points to gain. You'll lose your licence if you gain 4 points in your first year or 8 points in the first 2 years of holding a licence.**

The change will encourage new drivers to focus on driving carefully. We believe the result will be the safest generation of drivers alive, and safer roads for everyone.



## 4 BETTER DRIVERS

Research has found that people who accrue demerit points as Novice Drivers (that's an L or P-Plate Driver, or anyone who has not held a driver's licence for at least 2 years) are 66 per cent more likely to be involved in a crash. It also shows that these drivers are more likely to be involved in crashes later in life.

If we help Novice Drivers focus on the road rules now, they'll keep their safer driving practices with them throughout their driving life. That's good news for all road users.



## YOU

New drivers are the most vulnerable people on our roads. They are more likely to be killed or seriously injured, and every year the road toll proves it.

### So how does it work 4 me?

There are two types of Novice Driver, each with their own demerit point limit, reflecting the level of experience of the driver:

1. Novice Driver – Type 1
2. Novice Driver – Type 2

### Novice Driver - Type 1:

You're a Type 1 Novice Driver **until you've held a driver's licence for at least 1 year or periods adding up to 1 year.** This includes first time Learner's Permit holders.

Up until the end of your first year of holding a licence you'll be able to have 3 demerit points recorded against you. If 4 or more demerit points are recorded against you, you'll be disqualified from driving for at least 3 months, and any driver's licence you hold will be cancelled.

### Novice Driver - Type 2:

You're a Type 2 Novice Driver **when you've held a driver's licence for more than one year but less than 2.**

Up until the end of the second year of holding a driver's licence, you'll only be able to have 7 demerit points recorded against you. If you build up 8 or more demerit points you'll be disqualified from driving for at least 3 months and any driver's licence held will be cancelled.

### What other types of Driver's licence count towards a Novice Driver period?

- Overseas Licence
- Provisional Driver's Licence (regardless of vehicle class) issued by another State or Territory
- Extraordinary Driver's Licence

### How do I know which limit applies to me?

The below table shows when the different demerit point limits apply.

Learner's Permit	First year of licence Novice Driver – Type 1	Second year of licence Novice Driver – Type 2	Ordinary licence
← 4 Points in total →			
← 8 Points in total →			

Remember any demerit points you get as a learner will also count towards the 4 and 8 point limits.