



# Changes to the application process for a WA driver's licence

The Department of Transport (DoT) is improving the process to obtain a provisional licence which will better prepare applicants – resulting in safer novice drivers.

From 9 October 2017 the significant changes to the process are:

- The Practical Driving Assessment (PDA) is now the last required test to obtain your provisional licence.
- You must have passed your Hazard Perception Test (HPT) before you can attempt your PDA.
- You are required to declare five hours of night time driving.
- If you are over 25 years of age, you are exempt from the requirement to complete a Log Book for car (C Class) vehicle licence only. All other requirements will apply.



**The new sequence does not increase the number of supervised driving hours an applicant must complete to obtain a provisional licence.**

Currently applicants complete 25 pre-PDA supervised driving hours and 25 post-PDA supervised driving hours.

The new process will see applicants complete all 50 hours of supervised driving **including** (not additional to) five hours of night time driving, prior to attempting their PDA.

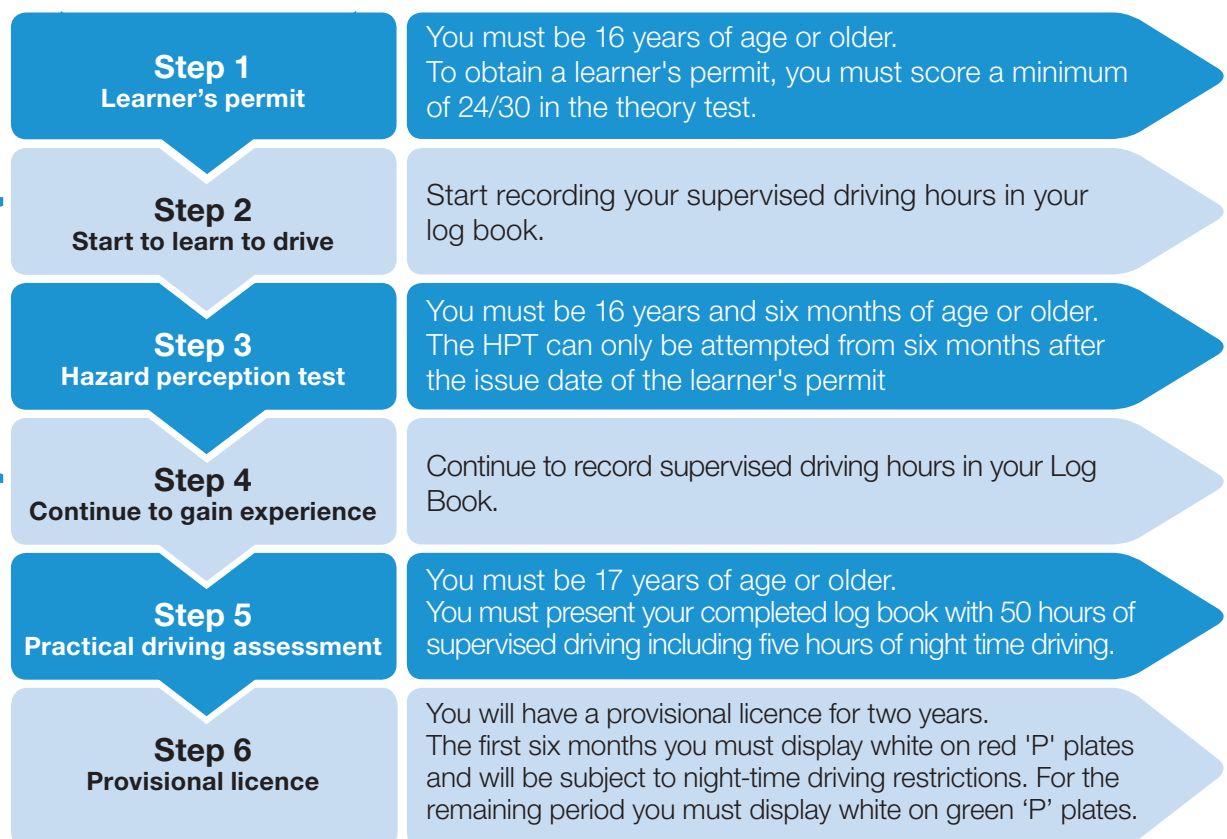
**Current process:** Applicants must complete 50 hours of supervised driving hours before obtaining a provisional licence.

**New process:** Applicants must complete 50 hours of supervised driving including (not additional to) five hours of night time driving before obtaining a provisional licence.

**Please note:** The new sequence does not increase the number of supervised driving hours an applicant must complete to obtain a provisional licence

## The six steps in obtaining your licence for 'C' and 'R-E' class applicants 16 to 24 years of age.

During this period you must record 50 hours of supervised driving including 5 hours at night



## From the 9 October 2017 what does this mean if you already have a learner's permit?

### Where are you now?

### What the changes mean to you

#### Step 1 Learner's permit

Start learning to drive.

Record your supervised driving hours in your Log Book.

You can attempt the HPT a minimum of six months from the issue date of your learner's permit.

#### Step 2 Learn to drive

Has it been six months since your learner's permit was issued?

- Yes - you can attempt the HPT.
- No - continue to learn to drive.

Record your supervised driving hours in your Log Book.

#### Step 3 Practical Driving Assessment (PDA)

If you pass your PDA prior to 9 October 2017, continue recording a minimum 50 supervised driving hours (including at least five hours of supervised night time driving). You may then attempt the HPT when you are 17 years of age or older, providing a minimum of six months has lapsed since making an application for a learner's permit.

If you don't pass your PDA before 9 October 2017, you must pass the HPT before you attempt the PDA. When you have passed the HPT continue recording a minimum 50 hours of supervised driving (including at least five hours of supervised night time driving). You may then attempt the PDA when you are 17 years of age or older.

#### Step 4 Gain experience

Continue to record a minimum 50 hours of supervised driving, including five hours of night time driving.

When you are 17 years of age or older you can attempt the HPT.

#### Step 5 Hazard Perception Test (HPT)

If you have already passed the PDA continue to record a minimum 50 hours of supervised driving, including five hours of night time driving.

When you are 17 years of age or older you can attempt the HPT.

#### Step 6 Provisional licence

You will have a provisional licence for two years, or a period adding up to two years.