



# The Six Steps to Getting your Licence

Here are the six steps you need to take to get your driver's licence.

## Step One - Learner's Permit

You must be at least 16 years old.

You will need:

- Your birth certificate for identification.
- Documents that show your signature and home address.
- You will need to pay money to do the road rules test.
- When you pass the road rules test, you will need to pay money for your driver's licence application (learner's permit).
- You will get one free driving test with this application.

## Step Two - Learning to Drive

- When you are learning to drive you must have a licensed driver with you at all times. They must hold a licence that allows them to drive a vehicle of the same type as is printed on your learner's permit and have held the licence for 4 years or more.
- You will need to pay for and be issued a Learner Log Book or obtain a digital version of a Learner Log Book for use with your smartphone. Visit the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure website: [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au) for more information.
- Write down in the log book all the times you drive and the licensed driver with you must sign the log book.
- You have to do at least 50 hours of driving (with five hours at night time) before getting your provisional licence. Keep the log book in a safe place and make sure you do not lose it.
- The log book is a legal document so everything that is written in it must be true.
- Don't speed. Remember you can only do 100 km/h on the open roads with 110 km/h signs.
- You must put 'L' plates on the car when you are learning to drive (front and back).
- When learning, you may drive at night, tow a trailer and carry passengers.
- No alcohol is allowed.

## Step Three - Hazard Perception Test

- You must have held your learner's permit for at least six months.
- You may have to pass a computer test to see if you can deal with different traffic situations and make safe driving decisions.
- Take your ID to the licensing office.
- You will have to pay some money to sit the test.



## Step Four - Gain Experience

- You have to continue to do supervised driving. You cannot go to the next step unless you can show that 50 hours of driving (with five hours at night time) has been done.
- You must have a licensed driver with you at all times. They must have a licence that allows them to drive a vehicle of the same type as is printed on your learner's permit and have held the licence for 4 years or more.
- Don't speed. Remember you can still only do 100 km/h on open roads with 110 km/h signs.
- You must put 'L' plates on the car when you are driving (front and back).
- If you are using the paper log book you do not have to finish the whole book as long as you complete 50 hours (including 5 night hours) before your driving test.

## Step Five - Driving Test

- You must be at least 17 years old.
- You must have a good car (all signals working, brake lights working, good tyres and have a centrally located hand brake) when you do the driving test.
- If you do not pass, you need to pay for another test.
- You need to take your log book with you to the test so you can show the 50 hours of supervised driving (with five night time hours) has been done before you can take the driving test.

## Step Six - Driver's Licence ('P' plates)

- When you have completed all the steps and pay some more money you will get your licence.
- You will have your photo taken for your licence and receive a set of 'P' plates.
- You must display red 'P' plates for the first 6 months of getting your licence. During these 6 months you cannot drive between midnight and 5:00am and are limited to only one passenger.
- After 6 months you must display green 'P' plates for another 18 months on your car (front and back) and you can now drive after midnight.
- You can only have a total of 3 demerit points for the first year on your 'P' plates and 7 demerit points on the second year of your 'P' plates. If you get more points than you are allowed you will lose your licence.
- No alcohol is allowed.

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**You cannot drive on the road unless you have a driver's licence or learner's permit. There are big penalties if you drive without a licence or permit.**

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### Need help or have questions?

To speak to a licensing person call 13 11 56 or go to the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure website:

[www.transport.wa.gov.au/dvs](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/dvs)

## Remember



### Learner's permit - 'L' plates

- Do not speed. Remember you can only do 100 km/h on open roads with 110 km/h signs.
- You must put 'L' plates on the car when you are learning to drive (front and back).
- You must be supervised when driving.



### Red 'P' plates

- You must show your red 'P' plates for six months after you get your provisional licence.
- During this time you can't drive between midnight and 5.00 am.



### Green 'P' plates

- After the first six months you must show the green 'P' plates for 18 months on your car.
- When you are on your green 'P' plates, you can drive after midnight.

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