Western Australian Learner’s Permit Card

The Department of Transport (DoT) has introduced a secure, durable and reliable learner’s permit card.

Why the need for change?

The existing learner’s permit is paper-based which can be open to fraudulent practices if lost or stolen. It was timely for the State Government to introduce a revised, more refined and secure photographic learner’s permit card.

What are the changes?

The learner’s permit card features a revised design and an increase in security features. This is greater than that required under world’s best practice.

The increase in security features will make forgery of the card much more difficult and will act as a deterrent against identity crime.

Features include:

- a unique serial number on each licence
- printing over a clear panel
- holder’s date of birth embossed under the photograph
- a holographic overlay of the State Coat of Arms
- special print in some areas.

The process

Once the applicant is granted a learner’s permit they will be issued a paper-based Interim Learner’s Permit. The learner’s permit card will be sent in the mail within 14 days from the date of issue.

There is presently no requirement for existing learner’s permit holders to obtain a photographic card where the original paper learner’s permit is still valid.

Upon applying for a replacement or renewed learner’s permit the applicant will be required to obtain a learner’s permit card.