

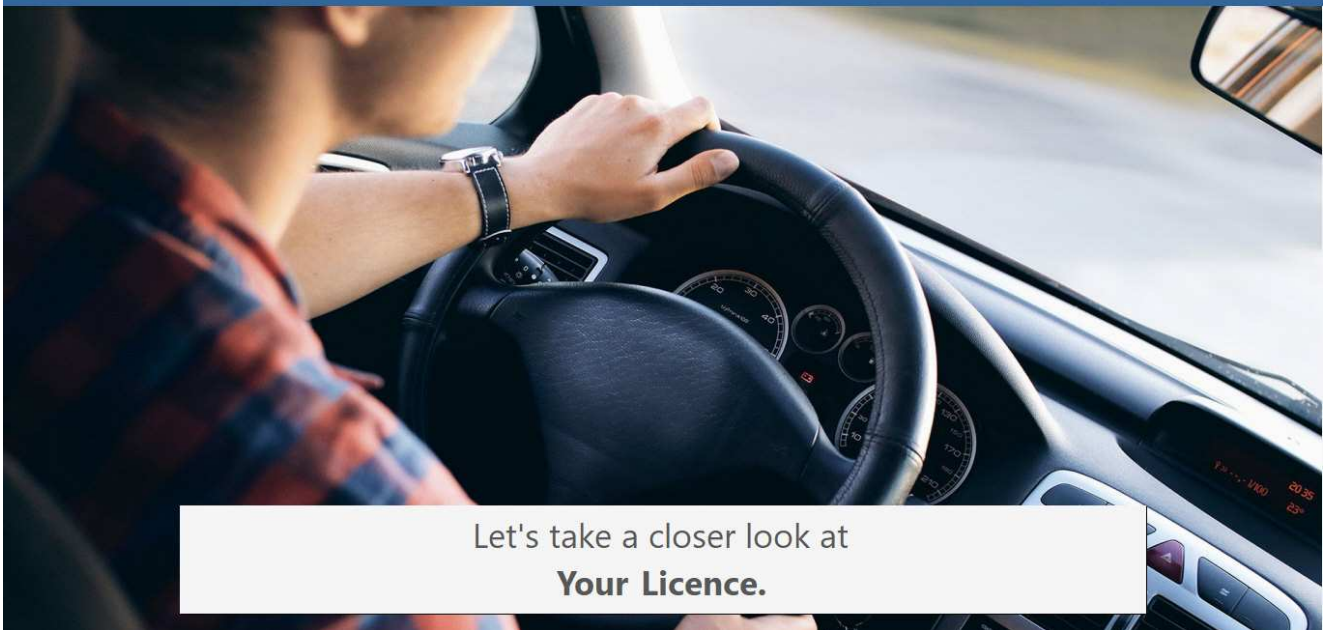
Your Licence

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Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Your Licence**.

Your Licence



Let's take a closer look at
Your Licence.

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Whether you are studying to get your driver's licence, or updating your skills, your licence is or will be one of the most important things in your life. It represents your freedom.

In this course, we are going to help you get one - or keep your current one, by ensuring you are completely up to date with all road rules, and learn some tips and tricks along the way.



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Road Safety

In order for you to get, or keep, your licence, you must ensure that you understand the road rules, and drive in a manner that keeps you, your passengers, other drivers, pedestrians and everybody else safe from harm.

So that's exactly what we'll talk about.



Your Licence

Licence Types

There are several different types of driver's licences you can hold:

- Learner licence
- Provisional, probationary or restricted licence
- P1 or P2 provisional, probationary or restricted licence
- Open licence

Each type of licence carries a different set of rules and restrictions.



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Sorry

Sorry - this lesson contains a bit of reading. It is important however, and information you read here is likely to be on any driver test you take.

Things do get a little more interactive and animated after some of these early lessons.



There are over 1 billion cars currently in use on Earth.

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Licence Classes

Each licence type allows you to operate certain types of vehicles.

While a standard driver's licence allows you to drive cars, you can obtain a licence that allows you to drive a motorcycle. Or a truck. Or a bus. Each type, or class, of vehicle you wish to drive requires that you apply for and pass the tests specific to that class of vehicle.

If you have a driver's license, but would like to drive a motorcycle, you need to pass a motorcycle licence test.

Each class of vehicle that you are licensed to drive will be noted on your physical license.



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Electric Bikes and Scooters

All petrol-powered bicycles, scooters and skateboards are now banned in most states. Petrol-powered bikes are unsafe and put their riders and other road users at risk.

Electric bikes and scooters are allowable under certain conditions, such as an upper power limit, and the wearing of a helmet.

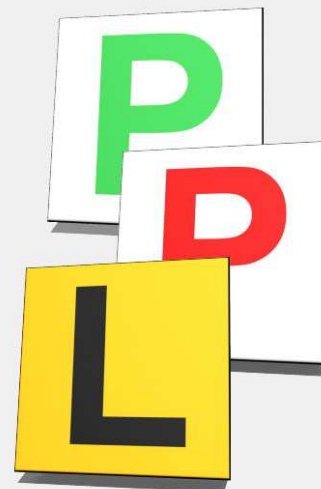


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The Quick Explanation

Here's the quick explanation on the process of getting a 'open' driver's license.

- When you turn 16, you apply for your learner's permit, or 'L Plates'. If successful, you can drive a car under appropriate supervision. You must wear L plates when driving.
- At 17, you can apply for your provisional license (P1), 'P Plates' which will allow you to drive alone (with some conditions). You must wear the red P plates on your car when driving.
- After a set time you gain your P2 license, which gives you more driving freedom. You must wear the green P plates on your car when driving.
- After the appropriate time, and all conditions met, you are presented with an open license.



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Learner Licence

Once you turn 16, you can apply for your learner licence to drive a car. To get a learner licence for a motorcycle, you have to have held a provisional, probationary or open car licence for at least 1 year.

A learner licence allows you to drive a car under supervision. Your supervisor must have held an open licence for at least one year and currently hold an open licence (for example, their licence must not be expired or suspended).

To get your learner licence, you need to pass a written road rules test and be medically fit to drive.



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P1 Provisional Licence

There are 2 types of provisional licences—P1 and P2. The P1 licence is your first provisional licence, before you move onto P2.

Driving with a P1 licence

Once you have your P1 licence, you can drive unsupervised. When driving you must:

- display red P plates.
- only drive vehicles allowed on your licence class.
- have your licence with you and show it to a police officer when asked.
- comply with any conditions on your licence. For example, if you have an 'S' condition on your licence you can only drive while wearing corrective lenses.
- obey the zero alcohol limit.
- you hold a P1 licence for 1 year.



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P1 Provisional Licence (continued)

Driving with a P1 licence

With a P1 licence, you can drive unsupervised. You **must not**:

- use a mobile phone (even hands-free) unless you are legally and safely parked. Your passengers can't use the loudspeaker function on their mobile phones.
- drive a high-powered (performance) vehicle.
- drive with more than 1 passenger under 21 who is not an immediate family member (unrelated by blood, marriage, or guardian) between 11pm and 5am
- drive under the influence of drugs.
- accumulate 4 or more demerit points in any 1 year period or you will have to choose between a suspension and a good driving behaviour period.
- supervise a learner driver.



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Everyone 75 and over who holds a Queensland driver licence must carry a current Medical certificate for motor vehicle driver form at all times when driving and comply with any stated conditions.

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P2 Provisional Licence

Driving with a P2 licence

On a P2 licence, you no longer have passenger restrictions and you can use a hands-free mobile phone. When driving you must:

- display green P plates.
- only drive vehicles allowed on your licence class.
- have your licence with you and show it to a police officer when asked.
- comply with any conditions on your licence. For example, if you have an 'S' condition on your licence you can only drive while wearing corrective lenses.
- obey the zero alcohol limit.
- hold a P2 licence for 2 years.



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P2 Provisional Licence (continued)

Driving with a P2 licence

On a P2 licence, you no longer have passenger restrictions and you can use a hands-free mobile phone. When driving you **must not**:

- drive a high-powered (performance) vehicle.
- drive under the influence of illegal or prescription drugs.
- accumulate 4 or more demerit points in any 1 year period or you will have to choose between a suspension and a good driving behaviour period.
- supervise a learner driver.



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Probationary and restricted licences

If you were disqualified from holding or obtaining a driver licence by a court and you have now served the period of disqualification, you will be issued with a probationary licence.

If you held a P1 or P2 licence before you were disqualified, you will get a P1 or P2 probationary licence which you will be required to hold for at least 1 year. You must continue to comply with the conditions applicable to your P1 or P2 licence, including displaying P plates on your vehicle while driving.

If you held a P provisional licence (issued before 1 July 2007) or an open licence before you were disqualified, you will get a P probationary licence which you will be required to hold for at least 1 year.



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Wearing P or L Plates

There are several types of plates you can attach to your car. Magnetic, cardboard, metal - take your choice. However, the law states:

*..plates must be clearly visible and not obscured when viewed from ahead of or behind the vehicle.
Signs must be on the exterior of the vehicle in a visible position at the front and the rear of the vehicle...*



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Wearing P or L Plates

Be prepared for the fact that you will lose a few plates too. The wind, theft, bumpy roads, the weather - any can contribute to a P or L plate being whipped off the car without you even realising.

Check before each journey, and carry some spares. Or be prepared to tell a very good story to the police if you are pulled over - not wearing the correct L or P plates is illegal.



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Open Licence

Driving with an open licence

When driving with an open licence you **must**:

- only drive the vehicles allowed on your licence class unless you are learning to drive a higher vehicle class.
- comply with any conditions on your licence.
- carry your licence with you at all times when driving a heavy vehicle and show it to a police officer if requested—you may be given 48 hours to present your licence if you are driving a class C vehicle or riding a motorcycle.
- not be under the influence of illegal or prescription drugs.



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Open Licence (continued)

Driving with an open licence, you must also:

- Obey the general alcohol limit (below 0.05) when driving a car or riding a motorcycle.
- If you hold a class RE open motorcycle licence and you have held the class RE licence for less than 12 months you are required to comply with the zero alcohol limit (0.00) while riding a motorcycle.
- If you hold a valid licence that has an 'I' condition (for interlock) you are required to comply with the zero alcohol limit (0.00) at all times when driving.

You can supervise a learner driver once you have held that class of open licence for a year.



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In a report by consulting firm McKinsey & Co, it is predicted that widespread popularity of self-driving vehicles could eliminate 90% of all auto accidents in the U.S.

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Demerits

The next lesson discusses the **license demerit points** system. Briefly, the demerit points system allows you to accumulate a certain amount of demerit points if you are caught breaking road rules.

Once you reach 12 demerit points, your license may be suspended.



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Car Registration

Every six or twelve months, you will have to reregister your car. This helps the government keep a track of all cars on the road. Depending on the age of the car, or your state, this may be a simple online payment. Your registration costs covers mandatory **Third Party Personal** insurance - coverage for injuries to other parties when an accident is your fault.

If your car is older, you may have to obtain a roadworthy certificate from a certified operator. This ensures that your car has no defects, and is able to be registered. Defects can also be applied to modifications - wider wheels, dark window tinting, and lowered suspension will all be looked at closely.

It is illegal to drive an unregistered car.



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Are You a Donor? Consider being an organ donor in the event of your death. Organ, tissue, and blood donations save lives. You can organize this through your local Medicare office.

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Reminder: You must carry your driver's license with you whenever you are driving.

Australia has one of the lowest beginner driver ages in the world (15 yrs., 9 mths). In Alberta, Canada, the age is 14.

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Conditions on Licences

In addition to the standard licence types and classes we've just looked at, there are a range of other licence or driving restrictions that can vary from person to person. These may include:

- whether glasses are required.
- whether there are other medical considerations.
- whether you can drive manual transmissions.

It is up to you to ensure you are aware of any and all restrictions that are related to your licence.



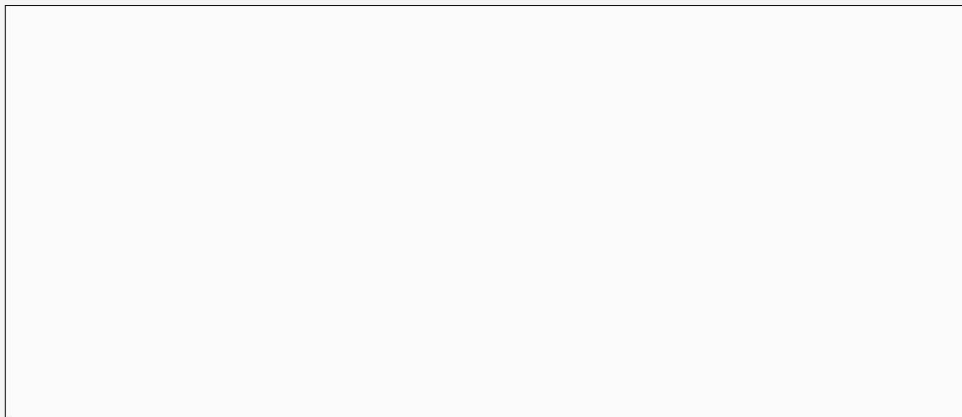
SUMMARY

In this lesson, we discussed **Your Licence**. This included:

- Licence Types and Classes, Electric Bikes and Scooters
- Learner Licence, P1 Provisional Licence, P2 Provisional Licence
- Displaying Plates
- Probationary and restricted licences, Conditions on Licences
- Open Licence
- Demerits
- Car Registration
- Are You a Donor?

FINISH LESSON

Signature. It is very important that you use the mouse, or touch, to *sign* the form below. This helps us record your progress accurately.



SUBMIT SIGNATURE

CLEAR SIGNATURE

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