

## What you can and can't do on your P1 licence

### You can

- Enjoy the freedom of driving without a supervisor.
- Drive a manual or automatic vehicle if you hold a class C licence.
- Drive an automatic vehicle if you hold a class CA licence.

### You must

- Display red P-plates at the front and rear of your vehicle at all times.
- Carry your licence (or *Driver Licence Receipt* if waiting for licence to be mailed) with you when driving.
- Have a zero blood alcohol concentration (0.00 BAC) when driving.
- Pass the hazard perception test to move on to your P2 or open licence, depending on your age.
- Report any long-term or permanent medical condition that affects your ability to drive safely to the Department of Transport and Main Roads. See details at [www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au/factfreeway](http://www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au/factfreeway).

### If you're under 25 years, you can't

- Use your mobile phone when driving, including the loudspeaker function, hands-free kits and Bluetooth accessories.
- Let your passenger(s) use a mobile phone on the loudspeaker function.
- Have more than one passenger aged under 21 (excluding immediate family members) between 11pm and 5am.
- Drive high-powered vehicles. See details at [www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au/factfreeway](http://www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au/factfreeway).



## Translating and Interpreting Service

Free assistance is available if you need help reading or speaking English. Call 13 14 50 from anywhere in Queensland at any time for the cost of a local call. Higher rates apply from mobile phones and payphones.

### 口筆譯服務處

如果您用英語閱讀或交談有困難，請與口筆譯服務處(TIS)的工作人員聯繫。請撥下面的電話號碼以便得到幫助。

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## Transport and Main Roads

# Road Trip for P1 drivers

For more information visit  
[www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au](http://www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au)



You have your P1 licence which means you can drive by yourself. Enjoy the freedom but remember – be responsible. Now it's time to focus on improving your skills, your ability to anticipate hazards and your reactions to possible hazards. Drive safely for the next 12 months without any fines or penalties, pass the hazard perception test and you'll move on to your P2 or open licence depending on your age. Enjoy your Road Trip on your red P-plates.

## Remember, everything is online

While this brochure is full of great information, everything you need to know about driving on a provisional licence is at [www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au](http://www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au).

There's a video specifically about driving on your P1 licence and beyond. Plus there are games, quizzes and downloadable fact sheets in the glovebox.

If you can't access this material please contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 13 23 80 and we'll send you a hard copy of the information free of charge.

## Penalties

If you accumulate four or more demerit points over a one year period, you will have the option of choosing a –

- three month driving suspension with a one year late night driving restriction after the suspension or
- one year Good Driving Behaviour (GDB) period with a late night driving restriction applied.

## Late night driving restriction

The late night driving restriction prohibits you from driving between 11pm and 5am for one year. This restriction applies when you return from a disqualification or suspension period or from the commencement of your GDB period.

## Peer passenger restrictions

If you are a P1 driver under 25 years, you have to limit the number of people in the car with you when driving later at night. You can only have one passenger who is aged under 21 years with you between 11pm and 5am (excluding immediate family members). So you will need to plan ahead if you and a group of friends who are under 21 years are going to have a late night out.

## Peer pressure

Driving on your P1 licence is the first time that you may be exposed to peer pressure when you're driving. The risk of being involved in a serious crash is much higher for new drivers when there are passengers.

### Having your friends in the vehicle can –

- Distract you when you're still quite inexperienced
- Encourage riskier driving such as speeding and driving after drinking alcohol
- Tempt you to show off.

### Some advice about driving with your peers –

- If you want to drive with friends in the vehicle, keep the number to a minimum
- Remember that when you're driving, you're the boss, so set ground rules with passengers
- Don't drive with passengers who are distracting or have no respect for their safety or yours
- Don't show off to passengers, friends or other road users.

## Hazard perception test

The hazard perception test is an online test that measures your ability to recognise and respond appropriately to potentially dangerous driving situations. The test consists of a series of real life video clips.

### The facts

- You must pass the hazard perception test before you can upgrade to your P2 or open licence
- You take the test on a computer at home, a friend's or a library, just not at a driver licence issuing centre
- You will need broadband access, Flashplayer and 25MB of free drive space
- You will receive a letter advising you of when you are eligible to sit the test (10.5 months into your P1 licence)
- You can take the test as many times as necessary until you pass
- To help you prepare there is a practice hazard perception test at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/hpt](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/hpt) that you can access once you are eligible to sit the test
- A one-off fee is payable when you pass, you don't pay for every attempt
- You can pay for the test by credit card, online or by calling 13 23 90. You can also pay by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card at the time of upgrade at a driver licence issuing centre
- It is a legal requirement for you to comply with the conditions of your P1 licence until you have upgraded your P1 licence at a driver licence issuing centre.

See more information about the hazard perception test at [www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au/factfreeway](http://www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au/factfreeway).

## Upgrading your licence

Before you can upgrade your P1 licence to a P2 or open licence, you must have –

- held your P1 licence for at least 12 months (not including periods of suspension or disqualification) and
- passed and paid for the hazard perception test.

Next you **must** visit a driver licence issuing centre and complete the necessary application form to have your licence upgraded and reissued.

- Remember to bring your driver licence or sufficient ID
- A medical fitness declaration is required at the time of application and possibly an eyesight test.

Be aware that if you visit a driver licence issuing centre before you have held your P1 licence for a minimum period of 12 months, you will not be able to upgrade your P1 licence. You will need to wait until the day after the 12 month anniversary before you can apply to upgrade your P1 licence.

### How old were you?

If you were 23 or younger when you got your P1 licence, you will progress to a P2 licence. If you were 24 when you got your P1 licence you will progress to an open licence.

### How much is it?

When you upgrade your licence you may need to pay a licence fee. If your licence is due to expire you will receive a renewal notice a few weeks prior with the details of how and when to pay this. If you still have time left on your licence, you will not need to pay a licence fee when upgrading your licence.

