

Remember, everything is online

While this brochure is full of great information, everything you need to know about getting your licence is at www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au.

There's a video specifically about driving on your P2 licence and beyond. Plus there are games, quizzes and downloadable fact sheets on our website.

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.



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 mobiles and payphones.

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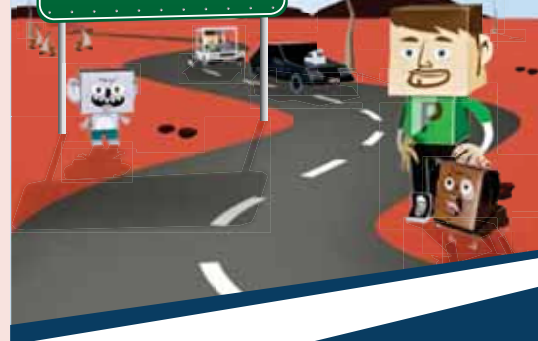


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THE GREEN P-PLATES ARE ON WHAT'S NEXT?

Great work on reaching your P2 licence. Now the green P-plates are on, the plan for this section of your Road Trip should be to drive safely without any fines or penalties. You'll gain experience while you keep learning and enjoying the trip. In one or two years' time, depending on your age, you should have your open licence.



What you can and can't do on a P2 licence



You can

- Enjoy driving with the extra freedom of a P2 licence.
- Have more passengers (as is legal for your vehicle), but be careful and avoid being distracted.
- Use a hands-free mobile phone (but it's recommended you restrict use to important calls only).

You must

- Display green 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.
- 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.

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

- Drive high-powered vehicles. See details at www.roadtrip.qld.gov.au/factfreeway.

Penalties

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

- three month driving suspension with 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 is applied when you return from a disqualification or suspension period or from the commencement of your GDB period.

Why P2 drivers are still at risk

Though you've been driving for a while now, you're still relatively inexperienced. Drivers are most at risk of being in a crash during their first years of solo driving. That's why it's important you continue to build up driving experience before you get your open licence.

Don't ruin your Road Trip

- Never drive after you've been drinking
- Never drive if you have taken illicit or recreational drugs
- Drive at speeds that suit conditions and always obey speed limits
- New drivers are inexperienced and more prone to distractions, so eyes on the road.

Peer pressure – passenger problems

Now passenger restrictions have been lifted you're even more at risk of passenger distraction. The risk of being in a serious crash is much higher for new drivers when there are passengers – particularly multiple passengers of a similar age in the car. Stay focussed and assertive. Ask for passengers to be silent if you need to concentrate and don't let peer pressure encourage you to take risks.

Reckon you're ready for your open licence?

You must have held your P2 licence for –

- two years if you were under 23 when you first got your P2 licence
- 12 months if you were 23 when you first got your P1 licence
- 12 months if you were 25 or older when you first got your P2 licence.

Going from your P2 to an open licence is automatic once you have held your P2 licence for the required period.

Upgrading to your open licence

You only need to visit a Department of Transport and Main Roads customer service centre if your licence does not show your open licence dates.

When you were issued your licence, if you paid the minimum P2 period, you will receive a renewal notice. When you renew your licence it will show any remaining P2 required period if not already served and the remaining period will be shown as the open licence.

Renewing your licence

If you need to renew your licence, you will need to pay the licence fee. Visit a Department of Transport and Main Roads customer service centre, driver licence issuing centre or a police station that issues driver licences (if you live in a rural area) with ID plus your driver licence. A medical fitness declaration is required at the time of application and possibly an eyesight test.

Then plan your celebration, because your Road Trip to an open licence is complete!

