

Accredited Driver Trainers Information Sheet for scheme changes and updates

On 1 September 2015, changes to driver trainer and rider trainer accreditation were introduced in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2015*. The 2015 Regulation can be accessed at www.legislation.qld.gov.au

Producing accreditation documents

Section 11 requires a driver trainer to produce the industry authority card for inspection if asked by their employer, the learner for whom they are providing driver training or to the parent/guardian of a learner for whom they are providing driver training. It is no longer necessary for a driver trainer to display their industry authority card. In addition, section 11 requires rider trainers to produce to their employer any document evidencing any condition/s imposed on their accreditation.

Employer's duty

Section 17 places an obligation on employers to exercise reasonable diligence to ensure driver trainers they employ comply with the conditions of their accreditation.

Driver licence requirements

Section 27 states that to become an accredited driver trainer for a class of motor vehicle the necessary expertise a person must have are that the person holds and has held, on the day the application is made for a continuous period of at least 1 year, a valid open licence authorising the person to drive the class of motor vehicle. This includes a valid interstate driver licence, or a valid driver licence granted in New Zealand.

A valid licence means a licence that is not expired, suspended or cancelled and the licensee is not disqualified by an Australian court from holding or obtaining a driver licence.

Cars used for giving pre-licence driver training

Section 29 clarifies that a car provided by a learner does not need to be fitted with the equipment that a car provided by the trainer must be fitted with.

The requirement for the car provided by the driver trainer remains unchanged that is the car must be fitted with training controls, a dual internal rear view mirror and an external driving mirror on each side of the car.

Information to be displayed on driver trainer vehicle

Section 29 simplifies the information required to be displayed on a driver trainer vehicle to require a contact name and contact information to be displayed.

Renewal of accreditation

A renewal of accreditation can now be lodged as soon as the renewal is received. It is not necessary to renew no sooner than 2 weeks before expiry.

Surrender of accreditation document

An accreditation document no longer needs to be surrendered if a driver trainer surrenders their accreditation or if the accreditation is suspended.

The 2015 Regulation can be accessed at www.legislation.qld.gov.au

Below are the locations within the 2015 Regulation of the requirements relating to driver trainer accreditation:

Part 2 Division 1 – ‘Appointment as accredited person-Act, s21’

Part 2 Division 2 – ‘General provisions for accreditations’

Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision 2 and 3 – Driver Trainers and Rider Trainers

Schedule 6 ‘Fees’, - (there are no changes to fees)

Schedule 7 – ‘Dictionary’ (contains the meaning of some of the terms used throughout the 2015 Regulation).

Changes to the Code of Conduct for Accredited Driver Trainers

The Code of Conduct has been updated to reflect the new section numbers and name of the 2015 Regulation. In addition, a new condition was included under section 4 ‘Privacy/abuse of power or information’ as follows:

When verifying entries in learner driver log books, driver trainers shall provide true and correct information about the training they have provided.