

# Driver Trainer News

## e-Notices and e-Reminders

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), now offers an easy and practical e-notice and e-reminder service which provides email notices and reminders for licensing, registration and vehicle services.

Available free of charge, both services are designed to complement each other. By signing up to e-notices, customers can receive TMR correspondence such as:

- Registration renewal notices for vehicles, boats and trailers
- Registration certificates for vehicles, boats, trailers and
- Registration notices for overdue vehicle registrations

Customers who choose to receive e-notices will also benefit from instant access to their Vehicle Registration Notices (VRNs), once they are issued. This will not only provide more notice of a registration expiry, but it will also reduce the risk of missing the payment due date.

In addition to e-notices, the free e-reminder service is also now available for Queensland customers, enabling them to receive email reminders for upcoming TMR services and bookings for example:

- Registration renewal
- Vehicle inspection booking and certificate of inspection due date
- Driver licence renewal and driving test bookings
- Eligibility to take the hazard perception test
- Demerit point enforcement choice and infringement notice payment
- Industry authority renewals

Both new services offer TMR customers greater choice and flexibility in deciding how they choose to interact with the TMR, as well as providing a seamless online experience for managing transport related matters.

Let us help you keep track of your upcoming due dates and appointments.

To get started, visit:

[www.qld.gov.au/transport/enotice](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/enotice)

## Changes to the Queensland Road Rules

### Loading zones

The Queensland Road Rules provide that a driver may stop for up to two minutes in a loading zone to pick up or set down passengers. The two minute time limit has been extended to five minutes for a driver who is setting down or picking up a passenger with a disability in a loading zone.

More information is available on the Queensland Government website at:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/signs/regulatory/index.html>.

## Changes to Driver Licensing Legislation

### Overseas visitors driving in Queensland

Queensland class C (car) licences allow the holder to drive motor vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) up to 4.5 tonnes and a seating capacity of up to 12 people including the driver.

However some overseas car licences are restricted to vehicles with a lower GVM and seating capacity, which means that these overseas visitors were unable to legally drive the full range of class C vehicles in Queensland.

Most other Australian jurisdictions allow visitors to drive the larger class C vehicles on their overseas licence.

The legislative amendment provides consistency across most Australian jurisdictions by allowing overseas visitors to drive all Queensland class C type vehicles on their overseas car licence.

This amendment does not apply to overseas licence holders that are licensed to only ride or drive a motorbike or specially constructed vehicle.

Further information is available on the Queensland Government website at:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/driver-licensing/overseas/driving/index.html>.

## Prepare to Stay Safe



Every year Queenslanders risk their lives by driving through floodwater. Although the well-known “if it’s flooded, forget it” message urges drivers to stay out of floodwater, in the heat of the moment, too many people push on and put their lives at risk. Young drivers are particularly at risk due to their:

- Limited on road experience
- Strong desire to reach their destination

Driver trainers should encourage learner drivers to visit:

<http://floodwatersafety.initiatives.qld.gov.au/>

## Notifying ASQA of third-party arrangements

A registered training organisation (RTO) may seek to establish partnerships with other non-registered organisations to increase client access or facilitate the effective use of training and assessment resources. Previously, RTOs were required to notify ASQA of any third party service arrangements using ASQAnet.

RTOs should now use the *Third Party Service Arrangement Notification* online form to notify ASQA of the commencement and cessation of third party service arrangements. There is no cost associated with submitting the notification form.

It is an explicit requirement of the Standards for RTOs 2015 that RTOs notify ASQA within 30 days of entering into a written agreement with another organisation for the delivery of services including training, assessment, related educational and support services and/or any activities related to the recruitment of prospective learners on the RTO’s behalf.

## Training and Assessment Course Development

When developing training and assessment strategies, RTOs must ensure the amount of training provided is sufficient to ensure a sound technical orientation to meet industry standards.

The amount of training provided must enable a learner to:

- meet the requirements of each training product, and
- gain the skills and knowledge specified in the relevant training product.

The amount of training essentially comprises of the formal learning activities you provide to a learner.

These formal activities can include classes, lectures, tutorials, online or self-paced study, as well as workplace learning.

The amount of training provided will be determined by:

1. the training product
2. your learner, and
3. the mode of delivery.

For more information go to:

<http://asqa.gov.au/media-and-publications/amount-of-training1>

## **Driver Trainer News**

The *Driver Trainer News* is a publication designed for Queensland accredited driver trainers, driving school business owners and approved registered training organisation delivering the Certificate IV qualification in driving instruction.

The purpose of this publication is to provide state- wide information to industry members on relevant industry related matters to:

- encourage and support consistency in driving instruction, and
- promote higher order professional standards for driver trainers across the industry

The *Driver Trainer News* also aims to inform industry members of any changes or new initiatives, confirm existing policies or procedures and clarify matters raised through the Driver Trainer Industry Association meetings.

As a participating member of the driving school industry in Queensland, your input is also welcomed.

So if you have any relevant subject matter which may be of interest to industry members please forward this to:

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