

Driver Trainer News

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Electronic Learner Logbook

Since the introduction of Queensland's enhanced graduated licensing system in July 2007, young learner drivers are required to record 100 hours of supervised on road driving experience in a learner logbook, before being permitted to sit a practical driving test.

Through the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR's) continuing focus on improvements for customers, it is proposed that the learner logbook process will be delivered through an electronic logbook mobile application (app).

The learner logbook app will be an electronic service for learner drivers to record supervised driving sessions. The logbook can then be submitted electronically to TMR via the app.

It is proposed that the learner logbook mobile application will be introduced in the first half of 2016.

Motorcycle Licence Reform

Motorcycle riders and their passengers are one of the most vulnerable road user groups and continue to be over-represented in the Queensland road toll.

Reforms are being considered to enhance the motorcycle licensing system and improve road safety as part of a holistic review, including:

- investigating the introduction of an off-road practical pre-learner training and assessment course
- reviewing the minimum tenure period for holding a motorcycle learner licence
- reviewing the requirements to progress from a class RE (restricted) to class R (unrestricted) motorcycle licence
- reviewing the current Q-Ride training and assessment course.

The Motorcycle licensing discussion paper and online survey were released on the *Get Involved* website on 27 July 2015 to seek community views on possible changes to the motorcycle licensing system in Queensland. The consultation period ran for six weeks and closed on 6 September 2015.

Consultation has also been undertaken with Q-Ride registered service providers, the RACQ and Motorcycle Riders' Association of Queensland.

Outcomes of the review are expected to be finalised by the end of 2015, with any changes to be implemented from mid 2016.

For further information go to:
www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Motorcycle-Safety/Motorcycle-safety-initiatives

Driving tests

TMR has recently conducted an audit of customer reference numbers (CRNs) used to book driving test time slots.

The audit has revealed instances where the same CRN has been used by driver trainers, or another party acting on behalf of the driver trainer, to book time slots for driving tests where there is no apparent intention of the CRN holder to undertake the booking. The CRNs in question appear to have continued to be used without the knowledge of the CRN holder.

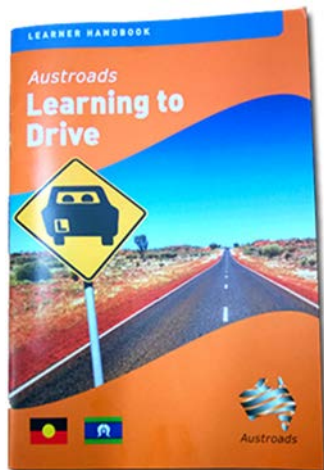
This practice is in breach of Section 4 of the Code of Conduct for Queensland Accredited Driver Trainers detailed below.

The driver trainer shall respect the privacy of learner drivers or former learner drivers and in particular, must not distribute or make use of any personal details of learner drivers or former learner drivers without their express consent. This includes, for example, the inappropriate use of any other person's licence details for the purpose of securing a driving test booking.

Driver trainers should note this practice is in breach of the Code of Conduct, and it may lead to a show cause action by TMR to suspend or cancel the driver trainer accreditation. TMR will continue to monitor this activity and action will be taken where non-compliance has been determined.

Indigenous Driver Licensing Program

The Indigenous Driver Licensing Program aims to reduce unlicensed driving in remote Indigenous communities in far north Queensland including Cape York, the Gulf and Torres Strait islands.



The program has a mobile driver licensing unit based in Cairns, which takes licensing services to remote areas where residents cannot access mainstream customer service centres.

The unit provides learner driver written tests, practical driver testing for cars and trucks, driver licence renewals and road safety rules and knowledge. By increasing licence ownership, the Indigenous Driver Licensing Program aims to reduce licensing offences, reduce road trauma and improve access to employment, education, health, social and cultural activities.

A handbook, *Austroads Learning to Drive*, has been developed to assist in delivering information to Indigenous communities. The book uses easy to understand language and culturally significant images. It is a valuable source of information for learner licence applicants, their supervisors and people who already hold a licence but want to refresh their knowledge.

For further information contact the Indigenous Driver Licensing Unit on:

Phone: 1800 130 886

Email: idlu@tmr.qld.gov.au

Transport & Logistics Industry Skills Council-(TLISC)

Registered Training Organisations should be aware that by December 2015 all Training Packages are required to comply with new standards for Training Packages.

These new standards change the format of Training Packages to simplify its content and separate the critical performance standards and assessment requirements from guidance and supporting information.

For further information go to: tlisc.org.au/new-training-package-standards-implementation

ASQA - Third party arrangements

ASQA has published a fact sheet to assist RTOs to better understand third-party arrangements and how RTOs should engage and manage their relationship with third parties.

The *Fact sheet—third-party arrangements* helps to clarify what constitutes a 'third-party arrangement' under the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015*, and provides guidance to RTOs that may help to meet the requirements of the Standards.

For further information go to:

<http://www.asqa.gov.au/news/2872/new-fact-sheet-third-party-arrangements.html>

