

**Table 1. Learner Licence requirements and restrictions in Australasian graduated driver licensing programs<sup>1</sup>**

Condition and Restrictions	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NZ
<i>Prior to licensure</i>									
Minimum age (years)	PL 15yrs 9mth L 15yrs 9mth	16	16	16	PL <16 <sup>e</sup> L 16	PL 15yrs 11mth L1 16 L2 16yrs 3mth	16	16	16
Mandatory education	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Eyesight test	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	L1 Yes L2 No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Road law knowledge test	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	L1 Yes (PL) L2 No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>During licensure</i>									
Duration licence valid (years)	2	5	2	3	2	L1 3 L2 3	10	3	NA
Minimum holding period (months)	6	<25yrs 12	6	12	< 25yrs 12 ≥ 25yrs 6	L1 3 L2 9	< 21yrs 12 21-25yrs 6 > 25yrs 3	12	6
Practical test	No	No	No	No	No	L1 Yes L2 No	No	No	No
Display L-plates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mandatory education and instruction	No Yes if CBTA	No	No Yes if DS	No	No Yes if CBTA	No	No	No	No

<sup>1</sup> Current as at 19 September 2018

<b>Condition and Restrictions</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>NZ</b>
Logbook required	No	<25 yrs	No	< 25 yrs	Yes	L1 No L2 Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Professional instruction 3-for-1 <sup>a</sup>	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Mandatory minimum driving (hours)	No	120 (20 at night)	No	100 (10 at night)	75 hours (15 at night)	L1 No L2 50	< 21yrs 120 (10 at night)	50 (5 at night)	No 120 recommended
Supervisory driver minimum requirements	Full Licence 0% BAC	Full licence < 0.05% BAC	Full Licence < 0.05% BAC	Full Licence 1 yr < 0.05% BAC	Full Licence 2 years violation-free < 0.05% BAC	Full licence 2 yrs violation-free < 0.05% BAC	Full licence < 0.05% BAC	Full Licence 4 yrs < 0.05% BAC	Full Licence 2 yrs NA
BAC limit (mg/100mL)	Zero	Zero	Zero	Zero	Zero	Zero	Zero	Zero	<20yrs Zero >20yrs 50
Illicit drugs	NA	No drugs	NA	No drugs	No drugs	No drugs	NA	NA	No impairment <sup>b</sup>
Maximum speed restriction (km/h)	No	90	80	No	100	80 (L1) 100 (L2)	No	100	No
Mobile phone restriction (all use)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Towing restriction GVM	Yes >750kg	Yes	No	No	No	L1 & L2 Yes	Yes	No	No

Demerit point threshold (points in months) <sup>c</sup>	12 in 36	4 in 36	5 in 12	4 in 12	4 in 36	4 in 12	5 in 12 &/or 12 in 36	4 in 12	100 in 24
---	----------	---------	---------	---------	---------	---------	-----------------------	---------	-----------

<b>Condition and Restrictions</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>NZ</b>
-----------------------------------	------------	------------	-----------	------------	-----------	------------	------------	-----------	-----------

Restrictions on locations <sup>e</sup>	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
--	----	-----	----	----	----	----	----	-----	----

Note: CBTA = Competency Training and Assessment, DS = DriveSafe driver education and training program, yrs = years, mth = months, PL = pre learner, L1 = learner licence 1, L2 = learner licence 2, PDA = practical driving assessment, NS = not specified, GVM = gross vehicle mass.

<sup>a</sup> Learner drivers who complete a one hour driving lesson with a fully licensed qualified driving instructor can record three driving hours in their logbook, up to a maximum of 10 hours professional instruction (therefore, 30 logbook hours).

<sup>b</sup> It is an offence to drive while impaired and with evidence of a qualifying drug in the bloodstream.

<sup>c</sup> Demerit point threshold refers to maximum number of points a licence holder can accumulate before their driver's licence is, and therefore their driving privileges are, suspended.

<sup>d</sup> In NSW learner drivers must not drive in Parramatta Park or Centennial Park in Sydney; in WA learner drivers are not allowed to drive within the boundaries of Kings Park and wherever signs prohibit learner drivers.

<sup>e</sup> Whilst no conditions are attached to this pre-learner phase, future-drivers are explicitly encouraged to become informed in car and road safety and to learn the road rules.

<b>Conditions and restrictions</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>NZ</b>
<i>Prior to licensure</i>									
Minimum age (years)	17	P1 17 P2 18	16.5	P1 17 P2 18	P1 17 P2 18	P1 17 P2 18	P1 18 P2 19	P1 17 P2 17.5	16.5
Practical test	Yes No if CBTA	P1 Yes P2 No	Yes	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 No	Yes
<i>During licensure</i>									
Minimum period: (months)	36	P1 12 P2 24	< 25yrs 24 ≥ 25yrs 12	P1 12 P2 < 25yrs 24, ≥ 25yrs 12	P1 12 P2 24	P1 12 P2 < 23yrs 24; ≥ 23yrs 12	< 21yrs P1 12 P2 36 > 21yrs only P2 36	< 19yrs P1 6mth P2 18mth	< 25yrs 18 >25yrs 6 ADS < 25yrs 12 ADS ≥ 25yrs 3
Hazard perception test	No	P1 No P2 Yes**	No	P1 No P2 Yes**	P1 Yes* P2 Yes**	P1 No P2 No	P1 Yes* P2 No	P1 Yes* P2 No	No
Display P-plates	Yes RRP at 6mth No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	Yes	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 Yes P2 Yes	No
BAC limit (mg/100mL)	Zero	P1 Zero P2 Zero	Zero	P1 Zero P2 Zero	P1 Zero P2 Zero	P1 Zero P2 Zero	P1 Zero P2 Zero	P1 Zero P2 Zero	< 20yrs Zero < 20yrs 50
Illicit drugs	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	No drugs	No drugs	No drugs	Not specified	Not specified	No impairment
Maximum speed restriction (km/h)	No	P1 90 P2 100	100	P1 No P2 No	P1 100 P2 100	P1 100 P2 No	No	No	No
Automatic transmission restriction	Yes	P1 Yes P2 No	Yes	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 No P2 No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 Yes P2 Yes	Yes

<b>Condition and Restrictions</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>NZ</b>
Mandatory education and instruction	No Yes if RRP	No	No	P1 No P2 No	P1 No P2 No	No	No	No	No Yes if ADS
Night-time or passenger (yrs) restriction	No	P1 <25yr 1 passenger <21yr btw 11pm-5am P2 No <sup>b</sup>	No	P1 1 passenger <21 btw 11pm-5am <sup>b</sup> P2 No	P1 midnight-5am 1 passenger 16-20 yrs unless supervised P2 No	P1 No P2 No	P1 1 passenger 16-22yrs <sup>b</sup> P2 No	P1 midnight - 5am <sup>a</sup> P2 No	Yes 10pm-5am 0 passengers unless supervised <sup>b</sup>
Mobile phone restriction (all use)	No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	Yes	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 No P2 No	No
High-powered vehicle restriction	No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 Yes <25 yrs P2 Yes <25yrs	P1 No P2 No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 No P2 No	No
Towing restriction	<750GVM first 12mth	P1 <250kg P2 No	No	P1 No P2 No	P1 No P2 No	P1 No P2 No	P1 Yes P2 Yes	P1 No P2 No	No
Demerit point threshold (points in months) <sup>a</sup>	4 in 36 RRP & >26 yrs 8 in 36*	P1 4 in P2 7 in	5 in 12	4 in 12	P1 4 in 36 P2 4 in 36	P1 4 in 12 P2 4 in 12	P1 5 in 12 &/or 12 in 36 P2 5 in 12 &/or 12 in 36	P1 4 in 12 P2 8 in 24	100 in 24
Exit test	No	P1 No P2 No***	No	No	P1 No P2 No	No	No	No	Yes
Minimum age for full licence (years)	20	20	18.5	20	20	20	22	19	18 17.5yrs ADS

## **Table 2. Provisional Licence requirements and restrictions in Australasian graduated driver licensing programs<sup>2</sup>**

Note: CBTA = Competency Training and Assessment, RRP = Road Ready Plus course, ADS = Advanced Driving Skill course, P1 = provisional licence 1; P2 = provisional licence 2, yrs = years, mth = months, btw = between, GVM = gross vehicle mass.

<sup>a</sup> If disqualified from driving while a provisional licence holder will be restricted to carrying one passenger at all times while driving for a period of 12 months.

<sup>b</sup> If not an immediate family member.

<sup>c</sup> Demerit point threshold refers to maximum number of points a licence holder can accumulate before their driver's licence is, and therefore their driving privileges are, suspended.

\* In order to be issued with a probationary driver licence (P1), a hazard perception test must first be completed.

\*\* In order to be issued with a probationary driver licence (P2), a hazard perception test must first be completed

\*\*\*If P2 licence was obtained prior to 20 November 2017 a practical test must be completed to apply for an unrestricted licence. If P2 was obtained after 20 November 2017 no practical test is needed.

---

<sup>2</sup> Current as at 19 September 2018