GETTING A DRIVER LICENCE

There is a wide range of helpful resources available to you if you’re learning to drive, or you want to help someone learn.

LEARNING TO DRIVE

The graduated driver licensing system is designed to provide you with the skills and experience to become a safer driver on New Zealand roads. Achieving your full licence can also open up many employment and training opportunities where driving is essential or helpful.

Below is a list of resources that are available online to help you through each stage of the graduated driving licence system, and gain confidence behind the wheel.

You can find this information on our website at www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licensing-resources, including the links to each resource, frequently asked questions and the fees you need to pay.

THE ROADMAP TO YOUR CAR LICENCE

BEFORE YOU START
- Identification required
- Eyesight requirements
- Medical requirements
- Organ donation
- NZ Road code
- Where to go to get your licence
  - pathwaysawarua.com

LEARNER LICENCE
- About the learner licence
- The theory test
- Practice your theory test
- NZ road code
  - drive.govt.nz
  - pathwaysawarua.com
  - nzqa.govt.nz/class-1-driver-licence

REstricted LICENCE
- About the restricted licence
- Restricted test guide
- NZ road code
- Test day checklist
- Community Driver Mentor Programme
  - drive.govt.nz
  - pathwaysawarua.com
  - nzqa.govt.nz/class-1-driver-licence

FULL LICENCE
- About the full licence
- Full test guide
- NZ road code
- Test day checklist
- Advanced driving courses
  - drive.govt.nz
  - nzqa.govt.nz/class-1-driver-licence
PROGRAMMES THAT SUPPORT PEOPLE LEARNING TO DRIVE

NZ Transport Agency has initiated or supported a number of programmes that are specifically set up to help drivers through the driver licensing process. You may be interested in using this information in your own community.

Below is a short description of each programme – more details are available on our website nzta.govt.nz/driver-licensing-resources

COMMUNITY DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAMME
(RESTRICTED LICENCE)

The Community Mentor Driver Programme (CDMP) is designed to help young people overcome barriers to achieve their restricted licence. The programme model relies on community collaboration between local organisations, volunteer mentors and young drivers.

The NZ Transport Agency, with partner and sponsor support, helped to initially develop and support six CDMPs around New Zealand. More information on how to set up and run a CDMP for your local community is available online.

DRIVE – DRIVE.GOVT.NZ
(LEARNER, RESTRICTED, FULL LICENCE, TEACH SOMEONE TO DRIVE)

Drive is a free website and learning tool designed to help young people become safe, capable drivers. There are games and quizzes in an interactive road code, free video lessons and driving tips, and video guides to the practical tests. Plus you can read coaching guides to help you teach someone to drive. Drive was created by the NZ Transport Agency and ACC.

DRIVER LICENSING CREDITS
(NCEA) – NZQA.GOVT.NZ/CLASS-1-DRIVER-LICENCE
(LEARNER, RESTRICTED, FULL LICENCE)

Students can earn credits that can be applied to the qualifications framework by passing tests for the Class 1 driver licence. If a student is currently enrolled in a school or tertiary education organisation, they can show their licence (learner, restricted or full) to have it authenticated. The school or tertiary organisation then reports the credits on behalf of the NZ Transport Agency to NZQA.

PATHWAYS AWARUA – PATHWAYSAWARUA.COM
(LEARNER, RESTRICTED LICENCE)

Pathways Awarua is a tool developed by New Zealand's Tertiary Education Commission to support adult learners in strengthening numeracy and reading and writing competencies. From 2016, the Ministry of Education has supported its use in state and integrated schools with year 9-13 students.

NZ Transport Agency worked with Pathways Awarua to develop a Road Code learning module.