

Extra, extra!

You may be able to get your P's sooner than you think!



To ease the pressure on parents who had to spend 120 hours in the car with their children to teach them to drive, the NSW government will be making the following changes to the NSW Graduated Licensing Scheme starting from December 19:

1. Learner drivers will still need to complete 120 hours of driving in total, but 30 hours will be recorded in the driver's log book for 10 hours of professional driving instruction.
2. Learners who are 25 years old or over will no longer be required to complete a log book as research shows that older drivers are more inclined to drive safer than younger novice drivers.

(Source: NSW Government)

Keys2drive? What is it?

Keys2drive is an Australia-wide driver education program initiated by the Australian Automobile Association and funded by the Australian Government. It aims to make newly licensed driving much safer and works towards the goal of zero harm in the first six months of P plate driving. The registration of keys2drive comes with a **free lesson** for anyone on their L's and their supervisor. The student learns with their supervisor how to best prepare together for learning safe driving practices. For more information or to register, please visit:

www.keys2drivepilot.com.au



What evidence is there that professional training leads to safer learner drivers?

Research shows that there are significant road safety benefits in learner drivers obtaining as much practice as possible in a wide range of driving situations and conditions and that parents and non-professional supervising drivers play a key role in facilitating this important driving experience. However, it is recognised that professional driving tuition also plays an important role, particularly if professional instruction is based around structured lessons focusing on safer driving.

What will the structured program actually look like from a practical perspective?

Instructors will be required to use a structured lesson planner to develop their lessons. Each lesson will be designed in conjunction with the instructor, the parent/supervising driver and the novice driver. The lessons will aim to develop the novice driver's ability to understand and apply the principles of safe driving practice as outlined in the learner driver logbook.

Instructors will be required to complete a structured lesson plan record keeper, which must be attached to the last page of the learner driver logbook. The record keeper will also contain a supplementary declaration by the learner driver and driving instructor in order to qualify for the credit of logbook hours.

Will I be able to claim '3 for 1' for driving instruction taken before 19 December?

The procedures introduced on 19 December 2009 will include an addendum to learner driver logbooks which will incorporate the structured lessons plan. However, provision will be made for professional lessons obtained before 19 December (up to a maximum of 10 hours) to be claimed as '3 for 1' hours. From 19 December, only structured lessons in the approved format will be counted.

(Source: RTA)