

Getting Your Driver's Licence in South Australia

Learning to drive is an exciting milestone, and staying safe on the road is important for everyone. In South Australia, there are several steps you need to follow to progress from a learner driver to a fully licenced driver.

Getting your learner's permit

To obtain your learner's permit, you must pass a theory test.

You can do this by either:

- completing the 'myLs' online course, or
- sitting a paper or computer-based theory test at a Service SA centre.

If you choose to complete the 'myLs' online course, you must:

- complete the online interactive learning and assessment course
- complete the learner theory test online
- be at least 15 years and 9 months to start the course
- be 16 years or older when you apply for your learner's permit after passing.

More information is available in **The Driver's Handbook** at mylicence.sa.gov.au.

Learner's permit conditions

Once you have your learner's permit, you must:

- drive with a qualified supervising driver sitting in the seat beside you
- display L plates on the front and back of the vehicle
- carry your permit while driving
- have zero alcohol/drugs in your system
- not exceed the speed limit by 10 km/h or more
- not drive over 100 km/h at any time
- not use any mobile phone function (including Bluetooth, music or maps)
- not accumulate 4 or more demerit points.

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Moving from learner's permit to provisional 1 (P1) licence

To get your P1 licence, you must:

- be 17 years or older
- have held a learner's permit for at least 12 months
- complete 75 hours of supervised driving, including 15 hours at night
- pass the Hazard Perception Test
- either pass the Practical Driving Test OR complete the competency-based training and assessment (CBT&A) with an accredited instructor.

Provisional 1 (P1) licence conditions

While on your P1 licence, you must:

- display P plates on the front and back of the vehicle
- carry your P1 licence when driving
- have zero alcohol/drugs in your system
- not exceed the speed limit by 10 km/h or more
- not drive over 100 km/h at any time
- not use any mobile phone function (including Bluetooth, music or maps)
- not accumulate 4 or more demerit points.

If under 25 you must not:

- drive between midnight and 5:00 am, or
- drive with more than one passenger aged 16–20, unless they are immediate family.

These restrictions do not apply if you have:

- a qualified supervising driver with you, or
- an approved exemption.

Exemption forms are available at mylicence.sa.gov.au.

You also must not drive a high-powered vehicle unless you have an exemption.



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Moving from P1 to provisional 2 (P2) licence

To progress to a P2 licence, you must:

- be 18 years or older
- have held your P1 licence for at least 12 months.

Provisional 2 licence conditions

P2 conditions are the same as P1 except:

- there is no curfew
- no passenger restrictions
- you do not need to display P plates.

Moving from P2 to a full licence

To obtain your full licence, you must:

- be 20 years or older
- have held your P2 licence for at least 2 years.

About the SA Police Road Safety Centre

The SA Police Road Safety Centre leads the way in road safety education across South Australia. Our programs help reduce road trauma by building the awareness, knowledge, and skills of all road users – supporting safer journeys through lifelong learning.

Want to learn more?

Explore our full range of programs and resources:

 www.police.sa.gov.au/road-safety

Or simply **scan the QR code** in this fact sheet to go straight to our road safety page.

Book a FREE road safety session

We offer engaging, practical sessions for schools, community groups, and organisations.

 SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au

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