

Fact sheet and FAQs

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Hazard Perception Test – 1 July changes

Information for Accredited Driver Trainers

Do learners have to complete the hazard perception test (HPT) before the practical driving test?

Yes. From 1 July 2021 all learners must have completed the HPT before they can take the practical driving test. Learners who have not passed the HPT will not be able to take the practical driving test and will forfeit their test fee.

What are the eligibility requirements for the HPT?

Customers are eligible to take the HPT if they are at least 16 years and 6 months old and have held their learner licence for 6 months. They do not have to have completed their logbook to take the HPT.

Why did the Department of Transport and Main Roads move the HPT?

The hazard perception test was introduced into the graduated licensing system to help novice drivers measure their ability to recognise and respond to potential driving hazards before facing them on the road.

Moving the test allows drivers who may lack the appropriate hazard perception skills to continue to build their skills through supervised driving before progressing to their provisional or open licence. Moving the test also brings the Queensland graduated licensing system into line with other jurisdictions who require a hazard perception test.

Do all learners have to complete the HPT?

All learner licence holders (except for returning drivers, returning to a P2 or Open licence), regardless of their age are required to pass the hazard perception test before they can upgrade to the next licence class.

Have customers been informed of the HPT changes?

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has undertaken a significant communications campaign to ensure all customers are aware of the changed requirements for upgrading a learner licence.

Public communication of the changes commenced in February and included promotion of the changes across social media and TMR's website. Personalised emails, letters or SMS were sent to all impacted customers who provided their contact details to TMR.

Customers also receive automated email notifications when they become eligible to take the HPT after having held their learner licence for 6 months, as well as a reminder at 11 months.

Where can I go for more information?

More information is available on the QGov website at www.qld.gov.au/hazardperception.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please send these to ILU@tmr.qld.gov.au.