



how to obtain a class C learner licence

Become an MVR customer

The first step to getting your class C learner licence is to become an MVR customer. You will need to:

- be at least 16 years of age
- provide evidence of your identity (prove who you are)
- provide evidence of your residency (prove that you live in the NT)
- have your photo taken by an MVR officer.

For information about evidence of identity and residency requirements, please contact MVR on **1300 654 628** or visit the nt.gov.au website.

Applying for a learner licence

To apply for a learner licence at MVR you must:

- be an MVR customer
- be at least 16 years of age
- pass an eyesight test
- pass a knowledge test
- pay the learner licence fee.

You can also apply for a learner licence through the DriveSafe NT program. For more information visit drivesafe.nt.gov.au website.

DriveSafe NT is the Northern Territory Government's Driver Education and Licensing Program and is available to Territory residents over the age of 16.

Driver Knowledge Test (DKT)

Passing the Driver Knowledge Test (DKT) will prove that you have an understanding of the road rules in the Northern Territory.

To prepare for the DKT, even if you go through DriveSafe NT program, you should study the Road Users' Handbook carefully. All the information you need to pass the DKT is in the Road Users' Handbook.

When studying the Road Users' Handbook, be careful not to skip any sections. All the information is relevant to you.

You can test your knowledge of the road rules by taking the practice DKT on the mvr.nt.gov.au website.

Where to go for the Driver Knowledge Test (DKT)

A DKT can be taken at any MVR office up to one hour before the MVR office closes.

How the Driver Knowledge Test works

The DKT consists of 30 questions, randomly selected from a question bank of over 300 questions.

During the test you are not allowed to:

- receive any assistance
- refer to any resource materials that would help you to pass the test (such as this guide, other books, notes or websites)
- use a mobile phone or other communication device
- speak or signal to any other person (except the registry officer when necessary)
- leave the test area.

People caught cheating will fail the test immediately and be banned from taking another DKT for two weeks.

Unsuccessful Driver Knowledge Test

If you do not pass the DKT, you can try again as many times as you need to in order to pass it. You cannot attempt the DKT more than once per day.

The next time you attempt a DKT you will be given a different set of questions to answer.

You should only re-attempt the test when you are ready. To check if you are ready test your knowledge by taking the practice Driver Knowledge Test on the mvr.nt.gov.au website.

Study! Each attempt of the DKT incurs a fee.

To test your road rules knowledge you can go online and try the practice test on the MVR website. You are able to test yourself as many times as you like.

Applicants requiring assistance

Special needs

If you have special needs, such as a physical or mental impairment, you or your representative should discuss your needs for taking the test with the MVR before booking a DKT. This allows time for the necessary arrangements to be made for you on the day of the test.

Difficulty reading and writing English

If you have difficulty reading or writing English, you can choose to attempt a verbal (spoken) test, with or without an interpreter.

An interpreting service is provided by Interpreting and Translating Service NT (ITSNT). If you are not an Australian resident or citizen, you may need to pay a fee directly to ITSNT for this service.

Arrangements for verbal testing services can be made by calling **1300 654 628**.

Renewal of a learner licence

If your learner licence is nearing expiry and you are not ready to sit the driving test to obtain a provisional licence you can re-sit the theory test to renew your learner licence for another two years. If you wait until after your learner licence has expired to re-sit the theory test, you will also need to wait another six consecutive months before you can sit the driving test.

DriveSafe NT

DriveSafe NT is a driver education and licensing program across the Northern Territory.

DriveSafe NT equips Territorians with essential knowledge of road rules, safe driving practices and attitudes.

It provides access to professional, modern driver training, supervising drivers and works towards being safer on our roads.

DriveSafe NT gives participants various subsidies towards gaining their learner licence and progressing to a provisional licence, including:

- course materials
- classroom based theory education
- licence fees
- test fees
- subsidised driving lesson e-vouchers
- St John Ambulance NT online first aid course – first@scene
- access to online tools to track and manage progress

Enrolment fees apply.

DriveSafe NT has been designed so that all elements of the program can be completed over a six-month period in line with the minimum current learner licence holding period. However, participants can take up to two years to complete the program.

DriveSafe NT participants are encouraged to take their time and get as much driving practice as they can before continuing to their provisional licence and completing the program.

You can still enrol in DriveSafe NT if you already have your learner licence.

For more information about the DriveSafe NT program, visit www.drivesafe.nt.gov.au, call **1800 121 411** or email drivesafeinfo.dipl@nt.gov.au.

Licence restrictions for class C learners

As well as complying with all road rules and traffic laws, there are some additional requirements for class C learner licence holders:

- **Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration (BAC/BrAC):**
Your BAC/BrAC must be zero. This means you cannot have any alcohol in your system when you drive a vehicle.
- **Displaying L plates:** L plates must be clearly displayed on the front and back of the vehicle. If towing a trailer, an L plate must also be displayed on the back of the trailer.
- **Licence:** You must carry your learner licence at all times while driving.

Remember, your learner licence will be suspended if you incur five or more demerit points within 12 months, or 12 points within a three year period.

- **Licence class:** You can only learn to drive the type of vehicle allowed by your licence class.
- **Mobile phone:** You must not use any function of a mobile phone while driving, including hands-free or loudspeaker options.
- **Seatbelts:** You must make sure all people in the vehicle are wearing seatbelts or approved restraints.
- **Speed limit:** You must not drive faster than 80 km/h at any time, regardless of the sign posted speed limit, and you must observe the speed limit where it is below 80 km/h.
- **Supervision:** A person who has a full Australian licence (not a learner or provisional licence or an overseas licence) must sit next to you at all times.

Towing - You are allowed to tow trailers.

The driver accompanying a learner driver

Your supervising driver lays the foundations for your future driving development, so how you are taught to drive is extremely important. For that reason, lessons with a professional driving instructor who is aware of modern driving practices and training techniques could be helpful.

It is also a good idea to get as much practice as possible between professional lessons. Ask parents, relatives or friends who are fully licensed to take you out to practice each new driving skill so that you will be better prepared for your next lesson. That way, you can maximise the benefits from each paid lesson and minimise the cost of getting your licence.

For your own peace of mind, important factors in selecting a driving instructor include making sure the instructor holds Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance and is fully qualified to provide the training you seek.

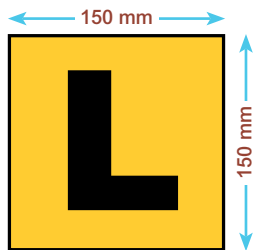
All professional driving instructors in the NT that provide driver training in return for payment must be registered.

Driving instructors are bound by the Conditions of Registration and the Code of Practice for Driving Instructors in the Northern Territory.

Your supervising driver must obey the following rules at all times while the learner is driving the vehicle (including parking practice):

- hold a current full driver licence (not provisional).
- be seated immediately next to the learner.
- fully supervise the learner and take responsibility for the learner's actions—the licensed driver is deemed to be the driver for most legal purposes.
- professional driving instructors must have a blood/ breath alcohol concentration (BAC/BrAC) of zero.
- fully licenced supervising drivers must have a BAC/BrAC of lower than 0.05%.

L plate rules



L plates consist of a black letter 'L' against a yellow background. The minimum size for L plates is shown in the diagram.

L plates must be displayed and clearly visible at the **front and rear** of the vehicle (rear only for motorcycles).

If you are towing a trailer, an L plate must also be displayed on the back of the trailer.

The L plates must be easily seen by other road users and must not block or obscure the driver's view.

The L plates should be displayed vertically on the vehicle – not facing upwards on the bonnet or boot. Brackets for mounting L plates next to the number plate can be purchased at most automotive supply stores.

Roof-mounted L plates do not replace the L plates that must be displayed at the front and rear of the vehicle.

Where an L plate is displayed in the window of the vehicle, make sure that the angle of the window, or any tinting or louvers on the window, or anything on the outside of the vehicle (like spoilers or items in the tray of a ute) does not obscure other road users' clear view of the L plate.

L plates must not be displayed when the driver of the vehicle is not a learner driver.



Appropriate placement of L plates on a car

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