

Driver training guidelines - checklist

Introduction

Learning to drive is a key responsibility of parents and carers. It is not part of the NSW PDHPE 7-10 syllabus or Stage 6 Life Ready course. It is not a requirement in NSW high schools. These guidelines are only for those high schools who have identified getting a licence as a student need.

These guidelines have been developed in consultation with Legal Services Directorate. Information about driver education can be found on the department’s [Road safety education](#) pages.

1. Legal compliance

Schools who offer learner driver training must abide by: the [Driving Instructors Regulation 2016](#) and [NSW Driving Instructor's Licence under the Driving Instructors Act, 1992](#) :

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support licensed learner drivers to obtain their 120 hours of on-road driving as part of the Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> only provide to students who hold a NSW Learner driver's licence. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be scheduled to operate outside regular school hours (as documented by the school timetable) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use a duplicate-controlled motor vehicle | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use a car with comprehensive motor vehicle insurance | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be at no cost to the students. | |

2. Driving Instructors

Any person giving instruction must:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold a current NSW Driving Instructor's Licence | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have the approval of the principal | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be on a voluntary basis and attract no payment | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deliver instruction on a one-to-one basis during driver training sessions | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not directly market their services to students at the school | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop practical driving tasks as defined in the Learner Driver Log Book to meet the required 120 hours of on-road driving. | |
| <h3>3. Planning considerations</h3> <p>NSW High Schools who offer a driver training program must:</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> schedule it outside regular school hours | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop a consent form outlining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> program and training provided risk management procedures and safety of students expectations of students and the driver trainer | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT offer Advanced driver training | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consult with Legal Services Directorate before any contract is entered into between the school and external provider | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate the program. | |
| <h3>4. Student participation</h3> <p>Students can participate in driver training under the following conditions:</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> driver training is free of any charge | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> participation is voluntary | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> written consent from parents and carers is specific to the activities and the arrangements for the training | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a current NSW learner driver's licence is held. | |
| <h3>5. School ownership, maintenance of a vehicle</h3> <p>Schools that own motor vehicles for driver training must ensure:</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ownership complies with the conditions in the department's policy on Commercial arrangements, sponsorship, and donations | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> each vehicle used for driver training is equipped with duplicate driving controls as per the Driving Instructors Regulation 2016. | |