

Fact sheet and FAQs

February 2021

Introduction of an updated Hazard Perception Test (HPT)

Information for accredited driver trainers

What do the changes mean for driver trainers managing practical test bookings?

From **29 March 2021**, learner licence holders will be required to complete the HPT before they can upgrade their licence.

Before **1 July 2021**, learner drivers can take the HPT either before or after their practical driving test. This is to limit the impact of the new HPT requirement on practical driving test bookings.

From **1 July 2021**, learner licence holders will only be able to take the practical driving test if they have passed the HPT first.

How will this impact customers with practical test bookings just before 29 March 2021?

Customers who pass their practical driving test on **Friday 26 March 2021** and upgrade their licence on this day will not have to take the HPT to progress to unsupervised driving. If they obtain a P1 licence, they will have to take the HPT to progress to either a P2 or open licence.

Customers who pass their practical driving test on **Saturday 27 March 2021** will have to take the HPT to upgrade their learner licence. This is because car learners cannot upgrade their licence on a weekend. So, on **Monday 29 March 2021**, they will still be learner licence holders and subject to the new requirements. To upgrade their licence, these customers will have to pass the HPT and then attend a TMR customer service centre or driver licence issuing centre.

The HPT will be offline **Saturday 27 March 2021** and **Sunday 28 March 2021** while the old service is decommissioned and the new service is released.

What are the eligibility requirements for the new HPT?

From **29 March 2021**, customers will be eligible to take the HPT if they are a learner licence holder who is at least 16 years and 6 months old. They must have held their learner licence for 6 months. They do not have to have their logbook approved to take the HPT.

Will P1 licence holders still have to do the HPT?

Any P1 licence holder who has not passed the HPT will still need to pass the test before they can upgrade to a P2 or open licence.

Do learner drivers have to complete their 100 hours supervised driving before they can take the Car HPT?

No. There is no requirement to complete the 100-hour logbook requirement before attempting the HPT. Learner licence holders must have held their learner licence for at least 6 months before they can attempt the test. This allows learners to develop some 'real world' hazard perception skills.

What if a learner driver fails their practical driving test?

If a customer needs to re-attempt the practical driving test after **1 July 2021**, they will need to complete the HPT before doing their practical driving test again.

What if a learner driver has passed the practical driving test but did not upgrade their licence?

From **29 March 2021**, customers will be required to complete the HPT before they can exit the learner licence phase. If they have already satisfied all the requirements, including passing the practical driving test, they will still be required to complete the HPT before they can upgrade their licence.

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.