



Help to get the skills you need

Driver Licence

For people directly affected by the mosque attacks

Getting your Driver Licence

We can help you get your driver licence. It doesn't matter what stage you are at, even if you've never driven before. We will arrange support for you to:

- learn the Road Code, sit your learner licence test and learn everything you need to know for driving in New Zealand
- learn to drive with experienced drivers, practise your driving and become confident on the roads
- book your Restricted and Full Driver Licence test

You don't need your own car as the instructors have cars you can use when you have driving lessons. Driving lessons are usually an hour long, at a time that works for you. You can get as many lessons as you need.

Who is this for?

This support is for those directly affected by the Christchurch Mosques attacks, AND your circumstances have significantly changed resulting in a need for these skills. For example, the person in your family who was the primary worker and income earner is no longer able to do this and now **you** are the person needing to get a job and travel to work. Or perhaps you are now needing to drive your child to school. Also, to meet New Zealand Driver Licencing requirements, you must be aged 16 years or over.

Do I need to speak English to get my Driver Licence?

It is important that you have a level of ability to understand English, both for passing your Driver Licence test and for driving safely on New Zealand roads. If you need support in learning English as a second language (ESOL), we can connect you with the right ESOL provider who can assist you with Learner Licence literacy. There is also an ESOL factsheet available.

How much will this cost me?

MSD will meet the cost of education AND the application fee and test fees. You will not need to pay for these if you are needing your Driver Licence to become the primary worker or parent of your family.

For more information on driver licencing visit:
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/getting-a-licence>



How do I get my Driver Licence?

There are **three** stages to getting a full drivers licence to drive a car.

Stage 1 - Learner Licence

You must be at least 16 years old.

You'll need to pass a test to prove that you understand the rules for driving safely in New Zealand. The computerised theory test is also available in English, Arabic, Gujarati, Hindi and Punjabi.

Stage 2 - Restricted Licence

You must be at least 16 ½ years old, and you need to have had your learner licence for at least six months.

You'll need to pass a practical driving test to show that you can drive safely on New Zealand roads. The test will take about an hour and will include:

- meeting the testing officer
- a pre-drive safety check (this is where the testing officer checks that your vehicle is up to WoF standard)
- a 45 minute practical driving test (where your driving skills are tested)

Stage 3 - Full Licence

You must be 18 before you can get your full licence, unless you also complete an advanced driving course.

You must hold your restricted licence for a minimum time.

Drivers under 25 years

You must have held your restricted licence for at least 18 months, unless you have completed an advanced driving course.

Drivers 25 or over

You must have held your restricted licence for at least 6 months, unless you have completed an advanced driving course.

To get your full licence you'll need to pass the full licence practical test. This is a 30 minute test with a testing officer, who will assess whether your driving is good enough to progress to the next level of driver licence.

What do I need to do next?

Please talk to your Case Manager if you are needing to get your Driver Licence and are interested in receiving our support.