

## How to get driver's license in NSW

NSW has a Graduated Licensing Scheme that involves three licensing stages and takes a minimum of three years to complete.

From age 16 you are eligible to commence the process by attempting a 45-question, multiple-choice Driver Knowledge Test that assesses road safety and low-risk driving. Passing provides a learner licence valid for 5 years.

People under 25 must hold this license for at least 12 months and record 120 supervised driving hours. People over 25 can progress when they feel ready. When eligible, learner drivers must pass a practical driving test to ensure they can drive independently. Passing provides a provisional P1 license valid for 18 months.

After 12 months you can attempt the Hazard Perception Test. Passing provides a provisional P2 license valid for 30 months.

After 24 months you will be eligible to sit the Driver Qualification Test to get a full license. This test is an advanced version of both the Driver Knowledge Test and Hazard Perception Test. Passing provides a full licence valid for 1, 3, 5 or 10 years.

For more information on each licensing stage and resources to help you pass each test – visit [drivingtestnsw.com](http://drivingtestnsw.com).

### Useful links for learners

- [RTA](#)  
For more information on driving tests and bookings, visit Roads and Traffic Authority, NSW.
- [GEARED](#)  
If you're a young driver, visit GEARED to find out everything you need to know about getting and keeping your licence.