

Merri-bek L2P Learner Driver - Mentor Program: P-Test Process

Probationary Test Procedure:

All learner drivers will aim to accrue the required 120 Hours (or, if over 21 years old, be considered to have a reasonable amount of driving skill) before considering undertaking their driving test.

The Merri-bek L2P Policy and Procedure to support this process includes:

- Volunteer Mentor and Learner Driver are to maintain regular contact with the Merri-bek L2P Coordinator about how the driving is progressing (from the moment they are engaged in the program)
- When the learner driver is at 100 Hours in their Log Book/MyLearners app, it is recommended that the learner driver have a professional driving lesson to gain feedback from the drive school about what they need to improve to be a reasonably competent driver at the time of the P Test
- If the learner driver has turned 21 years of age, they are no longer required to produce the Log Book. They are however required to follow the same procedures as above and work closely with the Volunteer Mentor, L2P Coordinator and the Drive School to determine the next steps
- Once a recommendation is made about improvements required for the learner driver to go for their test, a number of appropriate things will need to happen:

Pre-Booking Procedure

- Volunteer Mentor and Learner Driver Match are to undertake the ***Drive Test Checklist for Learners*** to determine that all elements of the driving have been covered off
- The Volunteer Mentor and Learner Driver Match are then to determine the following:
 - The Learner Driver has the finances to pay for the Hazard Test
 - The Learner Driver has the finances to pay for the P Test
 - The Learner Driver has the finances to pay for the attainment of the License if they pass
- The Volunteer Mentor and Learner Driver Match will need to talk to the Merri-bek L2P Coordinator about the plan to
 - A. Book in a professional driving instructor to go for the test with the learner – at their own expenses (usually \$200 for 2 Hours)
 - OR B. Negotiate to use the Merri-bek L2P vehicle in which case the following items must be addressed:
 - The Volunteer Mentor (or another Volunteer) must be available to attend to the test procedure with the Learner Driver
 - The L2P Vehicle must be available for the 2–3 hour test period – and this MUST be coordinated through the Merri-bek L2P Coordinator
 - The ***How to Get your P's*** sheet is read and understood including the following sections:
 - Step 1: Check your eligibility
 - Step 2: Book the appointment
 - Step 3: Hazard perception Test
 - Step 4: Drive Test
- The Learner Driver is responsible for making all the test bookings (Hazards, Practical Driving Test) and liaising with their Volunteer Mentor and L2P Coordinator about this.

How to get your P-Plates

You must be at least 18 years of age and a Victorian resident to be eligible to apply for a probationary driver license.

Step One: Check your eligibility

To apply for your probationary driver license you must be 18 years or older and:

- Have a Victorian residential address
- Meeting evidence of identity requirements (you will need your passport or birth certificate and a Medicare card or a bank card to prove your identity)
- Not be currently suspended, cancelled or disqualified or refused from obtaining a probationary driver license.
- Have passed all the appropriate tests
- Pay the appropriate fees (table below)
- If under 21, have completed and recorded in your learner log/MyLearner app a minimum of 120 hours of supervised driving, including at least 10 hours at night (unless an exemption has been granted)
- Hold a current car learner permit for a continuous minimum period immediately before applying for a driver license (unless an exemption from this requirement has been granted)

Minimum period the car learner permit must be held

If you are under 21 years of age you must have the car learner permit for at least 12 months before you can apply to go for your P's.

Fees for driver license tests:

Appointment Type	Requirement	Fee
Hazard Perception Test (in person)	Hazard Perception Test	\$20.20
Total	Appointment Fee	\$20.40
Hazard Perception Test (online)	Hazard Perception Test (online)	Free
Total	Appointment Fee	\$0.00
Car Practical Driving Test	Practical driving test	\$49.00
Total	Appointment fee	\$20.40
		\$69.40

For up to date pricing visit:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/licence-fees/driver-licence-and-learner-permit-fees>

