







Graduated Licence Scheme FAQs

Driver	GLS from 20.11.2017 for drivers commencing the GLS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass DKT • Learner must have a minimum of 10 months learner driver experience before attempting a HPT • Pass HPT before booking a Driving Test (<i>customer must receive a pass/fail print out result from CSR</i>) • HPT valid for 15 months • 12 months/120 hours from DKT to attempting Driving Test
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold P1 licence for 12 months before progressing to a P2 licence • <i>No computer test required</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold P2 licence for 24 months • If licence is suspended for poor driving behaviour 6 months will be added to the P2 tenure period • <i>No computer test required</i>

Driver	Existing Learner, P1 and P2 drivers at 20.11.2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass DKT • Learner must wait a minimum of 10 months from receiving learner licence to attempting HPT • Pass HPT before booking a Driving Test (<i>customer must receive a pass/fail print out result from CSR</i>) • HPT valid for 15 months • 12 months/120 hours from DKT to attempting Driving Test
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold P1 licence for 12 months before progressing to a P2 licence • Pass a HPT test <i>if not passed when progressing from a Learner to a P1</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold P2 licence for 24 months • Existing P2 driver must pass DQT to progress to a full/unrestricted licence* • <i>No change to tenure period*</i> <p><i>*Please note exception to P2 licence conditions If an existing P2 driver at 20.11.2017 renews their licence after 20.11.2017 they will transition to the new conditions which include no DQT and extension of tenure period for some driving suspensions.</i></p>

Existing Learner Driver at 20.11.2017



I'm a learner driver and eligible to complete a driving test before the GLS changes on 20.11.2017 do I have to pass a HPT?

If you pass a Driving Test before 20th November 2017 you will need to pass the HPT when progressing from your P1 to P2 licence.

I'm a learner driver and will be eligible to complete a driving test after the GLS changes on 20.11.2017 am I required to pass a HPT first?

Yes, you will have to pass a HPT before completing a Driving Test. The Hazard Perception Test bookings will be available online from 20.11.2017.

I'm a learner driver and failed my Driver Test and now want to rebook the test after 20.11.2017 do I need to first pass the HPT?

Yes, if you previously failed your Driving Test and rebook a Driving Test after 20.11.2017 you will need to pass a Hazard Perception Test before completing another Driving Test.

I have my L's and wish to book my HPT before 20.11.2017. Why can't I book it online?

HPT bookings for Learner drivers will only be available as of 20th November 2017. This is the date the legislation changes take effect. Learners must pass an HPT prior to undertaking a driving test.

I have a driving test booked for the 20th November but have not completed an HPT and I am not able to book the HPT until the 20th, what should I do?

Advise the customer to amend their driving test booking to a future date, so that they have adequate time to sit an HPT prior to their driving test. NSW will provide additional information closer to 20.11.2017 for customers who present themselves at a Service Centre on the day of their test without having passed an HPT

I had my Learner's licence prior to November 20. What new rules apply to me?

If you are attempting a Driving Test from 20th November, you will be required to pass an HPT before you can attempt a driving test. In order to do your HPT you must have held your learner's for 10 months, unless you are over 25. If you are over 25 you may attempt an HPT at any time, prior to your driving test.

If a Driving Test was passed prior to 20th November then you will need to hold your P1 Licence for 12 months as well as pass a HPT to progress to a P2 Licence.

How long is the HPT valid for?

15 Months.



I had my P1 licence prior to 20th November, what new rules apply to me?

You will still need to sit an HPT to progress to a P2.

Once you have your P2, the new rules will apply to you. They are;

No DQT will be required to progress to your unrestricted licence.

You may upgrade to an unrestricted licence after 24months, unless you have been suspended whilst on your P2's.

If you have had a suspension whilst on your P2 you will have 6 months per suspension added to your P2 tenure. EG 1 x suspension increases the time you must hold your P2 licence by 6 months, in addition to the term of the suspension. So if you were suspended from driving for 3 months and then had a 6 month extension to your tenure you will be on your P2s for an additional 9 months.

I held a P2 licence prior to 20th November, what new rules apply to me?

If you have held your P2 Licence for 24 months and wish to progress to your unrestricted licence you must pass a DQT.

Alternately, you may renew your P2 after 20th November (if eligible), then upgrade to a full licence at a time of your choosing. If you choose this option, your renewed P2 licence will fall under the new scheme, and you will be subject to the new rules regarding suspension and tenure extension.

I renewed my P2 before 20th November 2017 and have held my P2 for over 24 months, can I simply upgrade after November 20th?

No, A P2 licence holder who renewed prior to November 20 who wishes to progress to an unrestricted licence before their next renewal date, is subject to the old requirement to sit a DQT before progressing to a full licence.

I sat my driving test prior to 20th November and was issued a P1. I returned after 20th Nov with my OS licence to upgrade to an unrestricted. Am I required to sit my HPT?

Please follow current frontline help information for drivers from recognised and unrecognised countries.

I am an overseas driver with 1 years driving experience. When I transferred my licence I was given a P1 licence, but have never done an HPT or a driving test, how do I progress to my P2s?

You **MUST** complete and pass a HPT before progressing to a P2 licence.

I am an overseas driver. I have completed a DKT and have a driving test booked, why do I need to do an HPT?

New legislation comes into effect on November 20, which requires everyone who is attempting a driving test to have previously passed an HPT.

How long is the HPT valid for?

15 Months.

If a P2 driver on the new scheme receives a suspension how much longer will they need to be on their P2 licence for?

The driver will need to sit the term of the suspension, then, once they are allowed to drive again, 6 months will be added to their tenure.
E.g. If a suspension is 3 months and they receive the additional 6 months tenure increase, the driver will be on their P2s for a total of 9 extra months (3 months where they are not eligible to drive due to suspension and 6 months when they are eligible to drive once their suspension is finished.)

Could I have my P2 licence extended by more than 6 months?

Yes. P2 drivers will have their licence tenure extended by 6 months for each suspension they receive. The six month extension will apply for each relevant suspension, and a P2 driver who receives multiple suspensions will have their P2 tenure extended multiple times. Suspension periods could be served consecutively or separately depending on the circumstance of the offence(s).

Could you please explain what driving offences resulting in suspension will add 6 month to my P2 tenure. What is unsafe driving behaviours?

P2 drivers will have their P2 licence suspended if they have exceeded their demerit point threshold of seven points or commit a serious road safety offence, such as travelling 30km/h or more over the speed limit.

Will all suspensions on a P2 licence add an additional 6 month tenure?

No. The 6 month additional tenure will **not** be applied for suspensions due to **fine default** or **medical reasons**. Tenure will be paused until the suspension is lifted.

Do disqualifications on a P2 licence result in an additional 6 month tenure extension?

No. Current rules apply. Tenure restarts from the reissue of the P2 licence.

Does the new suspension scheme affect P1 licence holders?

No. The new scheme affects P2 licences issued after 20th November 2017.

Why are P1 licence holders not affected by the new suspension scheme?

The tenure extension has been implemented to replace the DQT for P2 drivers only.

Research undertaken by RMS shows that a licence holder's driving record is a better predictor of future crash involvement than performance in the Driver Qualification Test.

General GLS Change Information



Why is the Driver Qualification Test being removed? Won't this mean that novice drivers are getting less preparation?

Research shows that a driver's driving record is a better predictor of future crash involvement than performance in the DQT. This is why the Centre for Road Safety are changing the law so that P2 drivers who are suspended for unsafe driving behaviours will remain on a P2 licence for a further 6 months, for each period of suspension.

Why is the Hazard Perception Test being moved to the end of the learner phase?	The first six months of driving solo is the highest risk period for young drivers. Red P-plate drivers are more than 10 times more likely to be involved in a crash than a learner driver.
Do the November 2017 changes apply to motorcycle licence holders?	No. Transport for NSW will review the motorcycle GLS in 2017/18. It is a key action in the NSW Motorcycle Safety Action Plan 2017-19. Amendments to the motorcycle GLS will be based on the recommendations from the review.