

Media Release

The Hon Jaala Pulford MLC

Minister for Roads

Minister for Road Safety and the TAC

Minister for Fishing and Boating



Thursday, 11 June 2020

LICENCE TESTING TO RESUME

Based on advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, learner permit and licence testing including drive tests will progressively resume from Monday 15 June.

The first priority under the staged resumption will be to re-book tests for those whose appointments were postponed due to coronavirus restrictions.

As part of the resumption, more than 200 new staff will be hired to help work through the postponed appointments as quickly as possible, with testing to resume at all VicRoads testing locations.

Six new, temporary licence testing sites will also be established to increase testing capacity, which will commence operation in the coming months.

The Chief Health Officer has outlined a range of measures to allow drive testing to commence safely for the workforce and public.

This includes appropriate cleaning of vehicles used in tests, proper comprehensive hygiene for applicants, instructors and testing officers and the use of disposable seat covers, particularly if the customer is using their own vehicle.

No one should be participating in a driving test if they are unwell.

Customers with a postponed appointment will be contacted by VicRoads directly to reschedule their test in the order of cancellation. New appointments will be available once the backlog of postponed tests is cleared.

Tests have been suspended since 25 March with more than 100,000 licensing appointments, including 55,000 drive tests, postponed to protect staff and the community.

Since then, VicRoads' has approved more than 2,700 licence tests for people who would have faced undue hardship from not having their learner permit or licence. This option will continue to be available until the availability of new appointments returns to normal.

Everyone is reminded that while VicRoads Customer Service Centres remain open, they should not visit unless their matter is urgent, and are strongly encouraged to complete their transaction online. Heavy vehicle testing and motorcycle tests will continue as they have done so throughout the last two months.

For more information, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads, Road Safety and the TAC Jaala Pulford

"We know how important it is to have a driver's licence, especially for young people who need it for work or study – and we're now in a position to safely resume testing."

"It will take a little bit of time to get through the list of those waiting to take a test – we've got a plan for doing this safely and as quickly as possible and are grateful for everyone's continued patience."

Media contact: Jordy Jeffrey-Bailey 0422 641 929 | jordy.jeffrey-bailey@minstaff.vic.gov.au