

Media Release

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HAZARD PERCEPTION TEST AVAILABLE ONLINE TO LEARNER DRIVERS

Thousands of learner drivers will be able to complete an important step towards getting their licence from home with the Hazard Perception Test to be made available online.

Statistics show that young and inexperienced drivers have a higher crash risk within the first 12 months of driving, and the Hazard Perception Test ensures they have the skills they need to make the transition to solo driving safely.

The online test, which has been released today, is a computer-based test that assesses a driver's ability to recognise and respond to potential hazards in the safest way possible, focusing on scenarios where probationary drivers are more likely to be involved in a crash.

To be eligible to complete the Hazard Perception Test, applicants must be at least 17 years and 11 months and have an Australian learner permit or have completed the Learner Permit Test within the last 12 months. Learner drivers under the age of 21 should be close to getting their 120 hours of supervised driving experience before taking the Hazard Perception Test.

To access the Hazard Perception Test, customers will need to create a myVicRoads personal account and access a compatible device. Applicants then must respond to 25 driving scenarios within 45 minutes.

Online test takers will also save money with no in-person appointment fee required, paying only the test fee. While for those customers whose in-person test has been suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions, VicRoads is providing access to the test online, with their first test attempt free.

This builds on the success of the online Learner Permit Test, with almost 45,000 young Victorians already undertaking the test online since it was launched in April, with 380 drivers signing up every day.

Since the introduction of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System in 2008 – which includes the Learners and Hazard tests and 120 hours driving requirements – 42.5 per cent fewer drivers aged 18 to 23 years have been involved in fatal or serious injury crashes. The Hazards Perception Test itself has contributed to a 20 per cent reduction in the rate of fatal and serious crashes involving drivers aged 18 to 20 years.

Once our community opens back up, customers can still sit the Hazard Perception Test in person at VicRoads Customer Service Centres, as well as those requiring interpreter services support to attend the test.

For more information on how to access the Hazard Perception Test Online, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

"Knowing how to identify and respond safely to hazards is a lifesaving driving skill that protects everyone sharing the road."

"The online Hazard Perception Test gives us another tool to educate drivers and make our roads safer."

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