

GLS REFORMS

FACTSHEET FOR ACCREDITED DRIVING INSTRUCTORS (ADIs)

From 1 January 2020, a range of changes will be implemented for learner and provisional drivers in the ACT. The changes are not intended to make it more difficult to get a licence – the changes are designed to reduce the risk for our new and young drivers who are over-represented in road crashes and help them gain experience and confidence on the road in a staged way.

The new conditions won't apply to drivers whose learner or provisional licence was issued prior to 1 January 2020 (unless it is cancelled or renewed). Learner and provisional licences issued after 1 January 2020 are issued under the new scheme.

Learner drivers will still need to successfully complete either the Competency Based Training and Assessment (CBT&A) modules with an accredited driving instructor or a one-off driving assessment with a government examiner.

WHAT DO THESE CHANGES MEAN FOR ACT ADIs?

You are still able to assess and sign off a current learner driver against the Competency Based Training and Assessment (CBT&A) modules.

A current learner will be required to satisfy the existing provisional licence eligibility requirements to obtain a provisional licence but if they obtain a provisional licence after 1 January 2020 they will be subject to the new conditions that apply to provisional licence holders from that date, for example, late night peer passenger restrictions.

You will still be able to complete CBT&A with drivers issued with learner licences after 1 January 2020. These learner drivers just need to also complete other provisional licence eligibility requirements, such as, the Hazard Perception Test.

Hours with a driving instructor for CBT&A count as required driving hours.

- 10 hours with an ACT accredited driving instructor will count for a maximum of 30 required driving hours. There is a separate section in the logbook for sign off on these hours.
- Every hour after that with a driving instructor counts as one hour. These are signed off in the driving supervisor section of the logbook.
- There is separate section in the logbook for sign off on competencies under the CBT&A. Remember to also ensure these hours are recorded as driving hours, either in the ADI section or supervised driver section.

It is an offence to make a record of, or purport to verify, the successful completion of required driving hours or competencies and the record or purported verification is false, misleading or incomplete. This offence replaces the existing offences relating to completion of learner driver logbooks by driving instructors or an authorised person.

The ACT Government is currently reviewing the ADI Code of Practice and Assessment Standards. Further information we will be provided in the new year.

DETAILS ABOUT THE NEW GLS SCHEME
ARE AVAILABLE AT:
act.gov.au/safeplates

