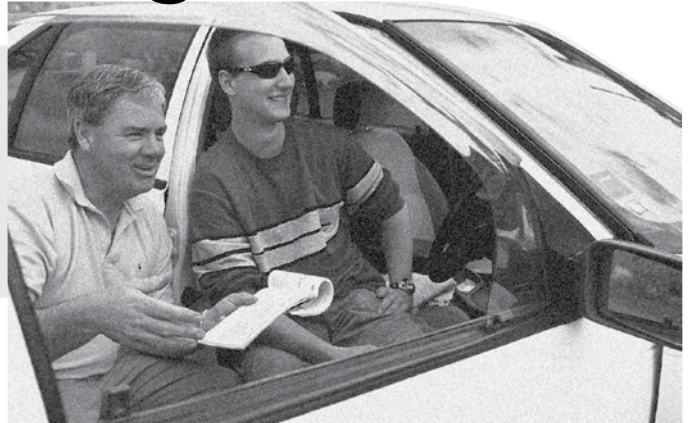


# Supervised driving

So you're ready to start teaching your teenager how to drive. Here are a few questions to ask yourself before you get started.



**?** *Have you held a valid driver's licence for 4 consecutive years?*

You must meet this requirement to be a supervisor. The 4 years can include 2 years driving on P plates.

**?** *Do you have a licence to drive a manual car?*

If not, you can only teach your teenager to drive in an automatic car.

**?** *Do you know the current road rules and licensing system?*

Have a read of the *Drive Safe* handbook or visit <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/rules-of-the-road.asp>

**?** *Have you thought about what you will teach your teenager?*

Ask your teenager to show you their *Let's practise* booklet. Read the supervisor's tips and the four stages of learning to drive.

**?** *Will you be able to give your teenager the time they need to practise driving?*

As you know, more driving hours for learner drivers will give them the experience and skills they need to start becoming a safer driver. Even though your teenager is only required to complete a minimum of 50 hours driving practice, we know that getting 100 to 120 hours can reduce their crash risk as a P plate driver. If this is going to be difficult, ask other family members or relatives to help out. If you can afford it and one is available in your area, organise a few lessons with a professional driving instructor.

Just 4 hours a week over 6 months is all it takes to get over a 100 hours driving practice.

**?** *Does your insurance policy cover a learner driver?*

Check with your insurer.

**?** *Have you explained to your teenager that you will take control if a tricky or dangerous situation occurs?*

This may never happen but your teenager needs to know that you will 'take over' if necessary.

**?** *Do you know that you need to sign a driving Log Book?*

After getting their Learner's Permit, your teenager will be given a 50-hour Log Book to complete. The Log Book is a legal document that is used to record driving sessions of 10 minutes or more.

**?** *Does your teenager have their Learner's Permit?*

Learner drivers are issued a Learner's Permit card after passing the road rules test. The permit must be with them for all driving lessons.

**?** *Did you know that many new drivers have more rear-end crashes than experienced drivers?*

Explain to your teenager that leaving a safe distance between their car and the car in front, especially when it's slippery and wet, will give them time to react and brake, and avoid a crash.