



# BEFORE YOU START

**Your teenager is keen to start driving. Here are some things you need to consider.**

## SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS

**If you are teaching someone how to drive, you must:**

- ✔ hold a current and valid driver's licence (for the class of vehicle in which you are teaching someone how to drive) for at least four years and carry it with you\*
- ✔ sit in the front passenger seat
- ✔ ensure the vehicle you are supervising in is licenced, roadworthy and has L plates displayed at all times (front and back)
- ✔ be aware of the rules for learner drivers (includes L and P platers)
- ✔ stay alert; stay off your mobile phone
- ✔ not have a blood alcohol content of, or above, 0.05 or be drinking a beverage containing alcohol when supervising. If you are subject to a zero BAC limit when driving, you will also be subject to a zero BAC when supervising a learner driver.

**It also helps if you are:**

- ✔ a safe and competent driver as your teenager will be watching you drive
- ✔ able to communicate information and instructions clearly.

\*If you have a 'C' class licence with an 'A' condition (automatic vehicle) you cannot supervise a learner driver in a manual vehicle.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE SUPERVISING A LEARNER DRIVER

### Driving habits

- ✔ Are you demonstrating safe driving habits for your learner?
- ✔ Do you show other drivers courtesy and tolerance?

### Road rules

- ✔ Do you know the road rules?
- ✔ Do you follow the road rules?

### Work together

- ✔ Will you be able to plan driving lessons in different conditions for your learner eg during the day and night, in fine weather and in the wet, at busy and quiet times on the road?
- ✔ Will you be able to give your learner driver the time they need to practise driving?

### Learner's Permit

- ✔ Do you know that your learner must have a Learner's Permit before they can drive a car and carry this permit with them at all times when behind the wheel?

### Insurance

- ✔ Does your insurance policy include cover for a learner driver?

### Safe car

- ✔ Is the car you are using safe and roadworthy?
- ✔ Are the brakes and tyres in good condition?



Check out *Drive Safe* on the Department of Transport's website. It has information about road rules and how to stay safe on WA roads.  
<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au>



Supervising a learner driver is a challenging experience. It can also be very rewarding. You'll help a young person develop the skills and attitude they need to become a safer driver.

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