

GRADUATED LICENSING SCHEME CHANGES

The NSW Government is introducing changes to the Graduated Licensing Scheme for learner, P1 and P2 drivers to better prepare them for real-world road hazards and reduce deaths on the road.

Change	Details	Start date
Mobile phone ban for P2 drivers	P2 licence holders will no longer be permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving or riding.	1 December 2016
Driver Qualification Test scrapped	Driver Qualification Test, which is currently a requirement for P2 drivers to progress to an unrestricted licence, will be scrapped.	1 November 2017
P2 licence extension for suspended drivers	<p>The minimum tenure for P2 licence holders will be extended by 6 months each time they receive a licence suspension for demerit point offences or higher risk offences.</p> <p>The tenure extension will not apply if the suspension is not related to a road offence, such as defaulting on a fine or on medical grounds.</p> <p>The suspension period is not included in the tenure period.</p>	1 November 2017
Hazard Perception Test moved	The Hazard Perception Test, which is currently a requirement for P1 drivers to progress to a P2 licence, will be shifted to be a requirement for learner drivers to progress to a P1 licence.	1 November 2017