

When can I apply for my licence?

Learner Licence

Once you turn 16 years of age

Restricted Licence

If you are 16 years of age



Have held a Learner Licence for at least 6 months

Full Licence

Are 17 and a half years old



Must have had a Restricted Licence for at least 18 months*

*If you apply before you turn 18 there are further conditions you may need to meet. Please [click here](#) for more information

Before sitting a driver test



Learner Licence

Know and understand the New Zealand Road Code

Ways to do this:

- + Complete Drive's [Interactive Road Code](#) modules online. A free online resource
- + For a list of places of where to purchase the Road Code (hardcopy) – [click here](#) or purchase online via [The Official Road Code](#) website

Note: Some places offer online packages that include the Learner 'L' plates in addition to your road code



Restricted Licence

Learn how to drive with Supervision

Ways to do this:

- + Have a friend or family member (holding a Full Licence) teach you how to drive OR
- + Apply to a Defensive Driving School
 - [AA Motoring Driving School](#)
If you book and complete a Defensive Driving Course (DDC) it **reduces waiting time** by six months to sit your Full Licence
- + Turn up to your driving test on time (make sure your Supervisor drives you there)
- + Make sure your Learner (L) plates are positioned correctly in your car
- + Have your Learner Licence ready to give to your assessor on the day
- + Bring any medical certificates needed for eye sight or health issues verifying your ability to drive safely



Full Licence









Know how to drive confidently without supervision

Ways to do this:

- + Regular driving practise and going over key points with your Supervisor
- + Turn up on time with your Restricted Licence and any further documents requested



I'm ready to sit my licence test. What next?

-  Go to an NZTA Licensing agent*
-  Fill out the application form DLI
-  Pay both Learner Licence test and application fees
-  Provide your signature
-  Let your photo be taken
-  Meet the eyesight requirements
-  Present both Proof of Identity and address evidence
-  Take and pass the Learner Licence theory test

*For a full list of NZTA driver Licensing Agents [click here](#)
More information on this process can be found [here](#).

How much does it cost?

Licence	Application	Test	Total Costs
Learner Theory test	\$48.20	\$45.70	\$93.90
Restricted Practical driving test	\$48.20	\$86.60	\$134.80
Full Practical driving test	\$49.60	\$59.90	\$109.50

Note: Costs may change, please [check here](#) for the most recent updated costs and conditions

What conditions are there on my licence and driving?

Learner Licence

- + You can drive an automatic or manual as you are learning to drive (you will have to be supervised by someone who holds a Full Driver Licence)
- + Have to display Learner (L) plates on the front and back windows of your car
- + Can carry any passengers if your supervisor agrees

Restricted Licence

- + If you sit your Restricted test with a manual car you can only drive manual. The same applies with an automatic
- + Can drive on your own but not between 10pm-5am
- + Can carry passengers (please read conditions for this)*

*For more in depth information and conditions [click here](#).

Full Licence

- + Can drive automatic or manual
- + Can drive on your own without supervision
- + Can drive with any passengers at any time

What licence do I need to have to get to work?

You can drive to work supervised on a Learner Licence or on your own on a Restricted Licence. Be sure to read through the conditions as Learner and Restricted Licence holders have a time curfew. You cannot drive from 10pm-5am.

If your work involves working after 10pm it is safer to be dropped off and picked up to avoid getting caught and fined for driving after hours.

Online resources

Drive

An online learning project done by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and ACC designed to help young people become more confident, capable drivers. An interactive online tool to help you prepare for all levels i.e. Learner, Restricted or Full Licences.

<https://drive.govt.nz/>

Literacy - Pathways Awarua

Use their Road Code module to help prepare your literacy for the Learner theory tests.

<https://www.pathwaysawarua.com/>

Road code practise

The only Road Code testing website endorsed by the NZ Transport Agency and the only site where questions, answers and the system are identical to the Official Test.

You can purchase practise tests from them online before sitting the real test.

<http://www.roadcodepractice.co.nz/>

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