

# Website

There is also a *Road Ready* website:

**[www.roadready.act.gov.au](http://www.roadready.act.gov.au)**

On this site you will find useful information for:

- Learner drivers
- Newly licensed Provisional Drivers
- Parents
- Teachers

Among the things you can learn about on the website are:

- Road laws – including some practice questions for the road rules test
- Tips for supervising learner drivers
- Latest research findings about road safety
- The school program

You will find the answers to any questions you have about *Road Ready* on the website.

Booklets mentioned in this brochure can be obtained from:

**Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry**

**Canberra Connect Shopfronts**

For further information on the *Road Ready* program contact:

Phone **Canberra Connect on 13 22 81**



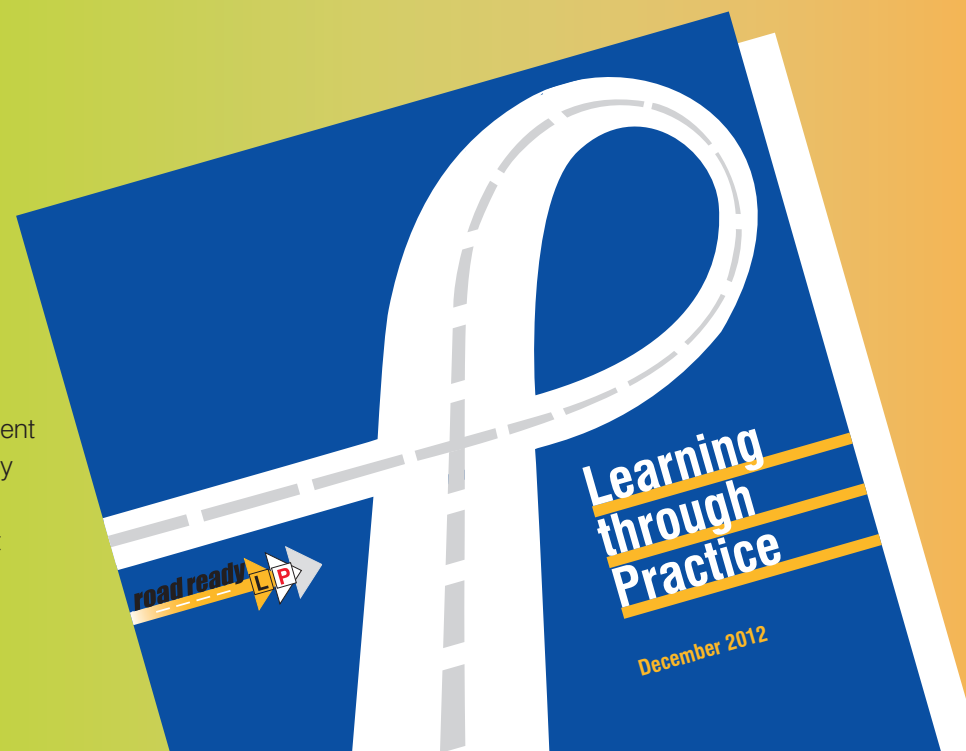
An ACT Government initiative to keep new drivers safer on the roads.



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# Young Driver Issues

Having a driver's licence is important to young people and they strive to get it as soon as they legally can. A licence brings with it many things— independence, freedom, convenience, enjoyment and status. It also involves responsibility.

Unfortunately for too many ACT families a licence also brings tragedy and unexpected expense.

Young drivers aged between 17 and 25 years make up slightly more than 15% of the population, yet they represent around 32% of serious crash casualties. Of these crashes, 75% are drivers and 20% are passengers.

Young drivers appear in these crashes figures not only because they lack driving experience compared to older drivers, but also take more risks either intentionally or unintentionally. They are unable to detect hazards easily and soon enough to take evasive action, drive at high risk times (recreational and night driving) and in high risk locations (eg highways).

# What is *Road Ready*?

*Road Ready* is an innovative graduated licensing system which commences even before young people are legally able to get behind the wheel. It continues beyond the Provisional Licence period when new drivers first go solo.

The four stages in the *Road Ready* program are:

- **Pre Learner** – involves young people as passengers learning about driving and the road environment.
- **Pre Licence** – involves young people, usually in Year 10, who are learning about the complexities of driving. It culminates in them being eligible for a Learner Licence.
- **Learner** – for those young people who have their Learner Licence. It promotes the need for plenty of driving practice.
- **Solo Driver** – an advanced program '*Road Ready Plus*' is available for provisional drivers as an optional voluntary course after a driver has had at least six months driving experience.

# Useful Books

There are several good books that you can use at each stage to help develop a young person into a safer road user.

**Stage 1.** *Road Ready. Preparing Your Pre Learner For Driving.* This booklet contains five simple strategies that can help you to raise awareness about the complexity of driving with your young passenger.

**Stage 2.** *Road Ready. ACT Road Rules Handbook.* This book contains the road rules and information about what is required to be eligible for both a Learner and Provisional Licence.

**Stage 3.** Four booklets

*Road Ready. Towards your P's in the ACT.* This booklet will help develop the skills necessary to obtain a provisional driver's licence.

*ACT Learner Driver Log Book.* The 22 competencies required for a Provisional Licence are contained here.

*Road Ready. Learning through Practice.* This booklet includes suggestions for driving practice and includes an experience record.

*Road Ready. Supervising a Learner Driver.* This booklet provides advice for those people taking on the supervisor's role for Learner Drivers.

**Stage 4.** *Road Ready Plus* Course

Drivers who successfully undertake the *Road Ready Plus* course are eligible to cease displaying their P plates and have their demerit point allocation increased from four to eight.

