

'First Gear' Road Safety Course

Background

The 'First Gear' Road Safety Course has been developed to support community members genuinely in need of assistance to pass the learner licence test.

The program provides opportunities for a range of clients, including migrants and those with low literacy levels or learning difficulties.

About the Program

The length of the program and sessions can be tailored depending on client needs. In general, activities are structured to prepare applicants specifically to sit the existing learner licence test.

Information and activity sessions are designed to cover the five sessions of the test:

- Compulsory questions
- Road Rules
- Signs and Parking
- Intersections
- Road Safety, including risks of driving, and the effect that alcohol and speed can have on your driving.

Learning is undertaken in small groups, which encourages individuals to utilise their strengths and avoid possible embarrassment. Participants are encouraged to take home a copy of the Tasmanian Road Rules Handbook for study at home.

Testing is to be conducted in a group context and assistance is provided with reading and comprehension of both the questions and answers.

Unsuccessful participants are encouraged to return and re-sit the test.

Successful applicants receive a certificate that can be presented at a Service Tasmania Shop when applying for their Learner Licence.

Resources

Resources available, which can be supplied on loan include:

- The 'Learner Driver Handbook Made Easy'
- The Road Rules Handbook
- Intersection and road rules quizzes
- Board games and activity mats
- Alcohol Impairment Goggles
- Breathalyser

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