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Use the driving log in this section to monitor your driving experience and the hours of practice as you move through the ten steps to getting your licence.

This log is a quick and easy checklist to ensure you get a wide range of driving experience on lots of different roads and in all kinds of conditions.

By monitoring your driving practice and following the key messages and checklists from *Getting There from Ls to Ps (Novice Driver Kit, Part 2)*, you will be well on your way to becoming a safe and skilled driver.



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*If you don't know  
how you're driving,  
you'll be much  
slower to improve*

Each time you go for a drive (for at least 10 minutes), fill in the details in the log, tick off the driving condition boxes and keep a running tally of your hours as you go. Very soon the boxes will start to fill up and you will be able to see at a glance what driving experience you have had and what you need to still do. The aim is to get as much varied and different driving experience as possible prior to sitting for your probationary licence and starting to drive solo.

Start by tackling the easier driving conditions and as your skills grow, progress to more demanding conditions. Avoid combining lots of new driving conditions all at once.

Remember, research shows that learners with 120 hours of practice have been found to decrease their accident risk by 30% after licensing. So make sure you get plenty of driving practice before going for your probationary licence.

### Sample driving log page

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	DAY	NIGHT	DAWN OR DUSK	DRY	WET	HEAVY	MODERATE	LIGHT	RESIDENTIAL STREET	UNDIVIDED MAIN ROAD	DIVIDED MAIN ROAD	ROAD WITH TRAMS	INNER CITY	FREEWAY	RURAL HIGHWAY				OTHER RURAL ROAD	GRAVEL ROAD
13/5		✓			✓			✓	✓									BM	½ HR	½ HR
15/5			✓			✓	✓						✓					TZ	1½ HR	1½ HRS
18/5		✓			✓			✓							✓			BM	2 HRS	3½ HRS

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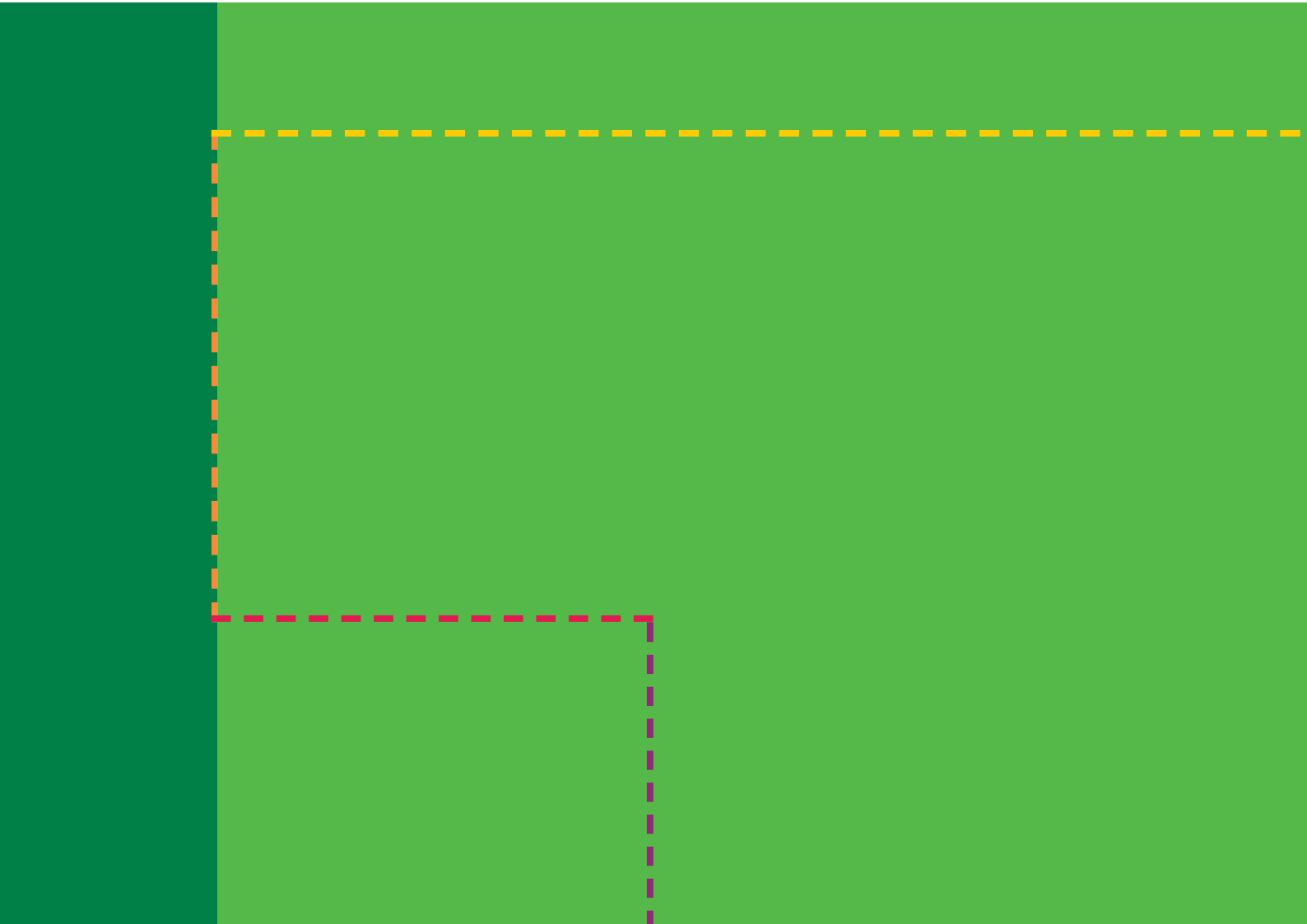












# Resources to help you

## VicRoads

### Telephone enquiries

All registration and driver licence enquiries and test bookings.

Monday to Saturday  
8.30am – 5.00pm

Tel: 13 1171 *Victorian calls*

Tel: +61 3 9854 2666  
*Overseas calls*

Tel: 1300 652 321 *If you have impaired hearing or speech, and use a Telephone Typewriter (TTY)*

### VicRoads Bookshop

The Bookshop distributes information about obtaining and renewing a driver licence, registering a vehicle or renewing vehicle registration, as well as information on road and vehicle safety and drink driving. It also sells road safety education kits and books for students and prospective drivers.

Ground Floor  
60 Denmark Street  
Kew Vic 3101

Tel: (03) 9854 2049  
and (03) 9854 2782

Fax: (03) 9854 2468

Email:  
bookshop@roads.vic.gov.au

### VicRoads web site

VicRoads web site provides information about VicRoads services, products and strategies.

[www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

### VicRoads Traffic Control and Communication Centre

This centre provides information and assistance with:

- emergency road conditions
- freeway breakdowns
- traffic accident reports
- traffic light faults.

Tel: 13 1170



**VicRoads Road Safety,  
Traffic and Road  
Management Services**

For information and  
assistance with:

- unsafe locations or stretches of road
- road safety
- current road rules.

Monday to Friday  
8.30am – 5.00pm

Tel: 13 1174

**VicRoads Vehicle  
Securities Register**

If you are thinking about buying a second hand vehicle privately, you should contact the Vehicle Securities Register to check whether:

- there is money owing on the vehicle, and
- the vehicle is recorded as stolen.

For a small fee, you can also obtain a Vehicle Securities Register certificate which provides legal protection against repossession.

Tel: 13 1171

**maxi**

*maxi* provides a fast and electronic way to pay bills, access services, and get information 24 hours a day.

[www.maxi.com.au](http://www.maxi.com.au)

## Victoria Police

For information and assistance  
with road law issues.

Tel: 03 9247 5779

[www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)

## Information Victoria Bookshop

Retail sales of Government  
legislation, reports, maps and  
specialist publications.

356 Collins Street  
Melbourne Vic 3000

Tel: 1300 366 356

[www.information.vic.gov.au](http://www.information.vic.gov.au)

## Citylink

Citylink is Melbourne's fully  
electronic toll way. To use  
Citylink, you'll need an e-TAG,  
Day Pass or Tulla Pass. Call  
Citylink to arrange your e-TAG or  
Day Pass, or visit the website at  
[www.transurban.com.au](http://www.transurban.com.au)

Tel: 13 2629

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