

# Regional Pilot of a Restricted P1 Provisional Licence

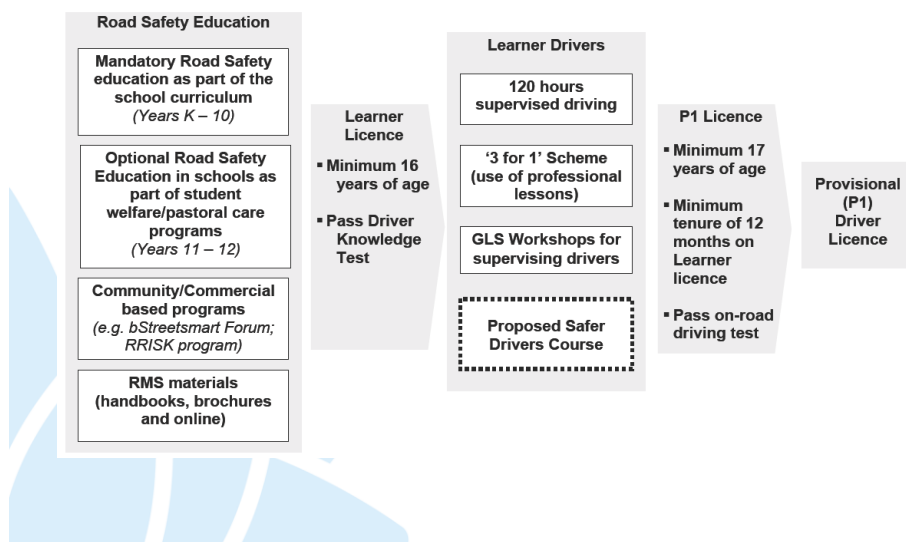
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## Background

- Importance of access to driver licence for young people in rural and remote areas of NSW
- Alternative transport options may be limited, impacting on their access to life opportunities
- NSW learner drivers requirement - complete 120 hours of supervised driving before applying for a provisional driver licence
- Board of road safety experts who developed the Safer Driver Course also considered options for young drivers from remote, lower socio-economic and Aboriginal communities
- The Restricted P1 provisional licence pilot was developed - commenced on 1 July 2013 and will run for two years

## NSW Graduated Licensing System for Young Drivers



## Objective & Scope: Restricted P1 Licence Pilot

- Objective: To facilitate access to services for young people in pilot areas
- Targeted at learner drivers under 25
- In three remote areas of NSW:
  - North West: Brewarrina, Walgett and Bourke
  - Far West: Broken Hill City
  - Murray and Murrumbidgee: Balranald and Hay
- Areas selected based on:
  - Comparative socio-economic disadvantage
  - Young driver licensing rates
  - Crash analysis and rates of unauthorised driving
  - Availability of young driver support services and licensing services from RMS

**Restricted P plate licence for health, education and work**

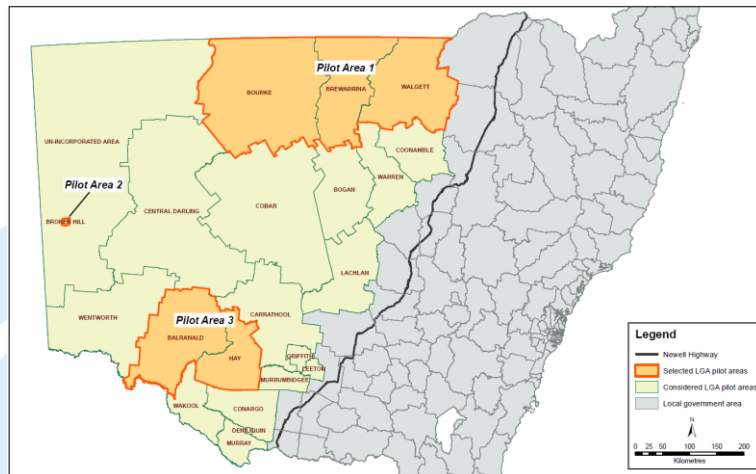
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- > Go to your local Roads and Maritime Services Registry or Service Centre
- > Visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au)



## Areas included in pilot



## Trip Purposes

Restricted P1 Provisional Licence enables pilot participant to drive only for the purposes of work, education or medical appointments

Purpose	Definition
<b>Education</b>	A trip will be for the primary purpose of your education when the trip is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to or from education facilities/institutions or courses,</li> <li>as part of an education course,</li> <li>to enrol in an education course, or</li> <li>to, from or in the course of vocational training.</li> </ul>
<b>Employment</b>	A trip will be for the primary purpose of your employment when the trip is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to, from or in the course of paid employment,</li> <li>seeking paid employment (e.g. a job interview), or</li> <li>to, from or in the course of formal community service (e.g. rural fire service or SES).</li> </ul>
<b>Medical appointments and/or treatment</b>	A trip will be for the primary purpose of medical appointments or treatment when the trip is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to or from medical or health support for yourself or another person.</li> </ul>

## Pilot Requirements

- Participants must:
  - complete 50 supervised driving hours (including 10 hours of night driving) and
  - pass the driving test to qualify for the restricted licence.
- Permitted to break their trips for food, fuel and rest.
- Encouraged to carry supporting information such as a TAFE timetable or notice of a doctor's appointment if they are stopped by police.
- Required to display a 'C' sticker on their P plates.



## Sanctions

- Pilot participants caught driving outside of their restricted licence conditions receive a penalty of two demerit points and a \$236 fine.
- There is no penalty if pilot participants do not display a 'C' sticker.
- Suspended pilot participants have their restricted licence requirements extended until the requirements have applied for six months.
- Pilot participants disqualified from driving are not allowed to apply for another restricted P1 provisional licence, and will need to complete the remaining supervised log book hours before applying for a standard P1 licence.

## Communications Initiatives

- Learner licence holders in pilot areas received letters to inform them about the restricted P1 provisional licence pilot.
- Information is available from Service NSW centres, RMS registries, and the RMS contact centre.
- Fact sheets, Q and As and operational procedures were developed for RMS staff and NSW Police.



- Community information sessions were held in pilot areas.
- Informal networking with service providers.

## Evaluation

- The pilot will evaluate
  - the extent that this initiative can assist young drivers to access the licensing system, and
  - the appropriateness of the restricted licence conditions.
- Gain a better understanding of the key licensing and road safety challenges facing young people in rural and remote areas.
- Gauge views from a range of stakeholders:
  - Pilot participants, young people that elected not to participate, community members, service providers and RMS staff.
- Methodology to include: participant surveys, licensing and crash data analysis and in-depth focus groups.
- TfNSW, RMS and the NSW Police Force will monitor any road safety impacts throughout the pilot.

## Early Learnings

- There has not been a significant number of enquiries or applications for the restricted licence.
- The number of pilot participants is expected to be low due to the low learner population in remote areas.
- Early stages of evaluation can focus on questions of uptake

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