

What else? – He aha atu anō?

Parents as driving coaches[#]

Taupō District Council run workshops for parents to explore their role as “coach”.

Employing coaching style techniques offers drivers an opportunity to self-explore and monitor their own behaviour, which increases the motivation on the part of the driver, to develop and maintain reduced collision-risk and establish long term safe driving performances.

To register interest in the workshops, visit taupo.govt.nz/roadsafety

Holden Street Smart*

A practical hands on day for young drivers and their parents/coaches to learn vital skills to become safer drivers.

holdenstreetsmart.co.nz

Advanced Driver Training*

defensivedriving.aa.co.nz

Driving instructors*

Taupō Driving Company

Marty Sutherland

0274570434

@taupo-drivingco

AA Driving School

0800223748

Great Lake Driver Training

Marc Johnson

0274384032

Marnz Driving School

@marnzdrivingschool

0221883260

free of charge *charges involved

Choosing the right vehicle

Safer vehicle choices don't have to be the newest, most expensive or biggest models. Used car safety ratings show there are a number of makes and models with 4 or 5-star safety ratings that can be affordable and appropriate. Check out rightcar.co.nz.

Managing distraction, fatigue, speed, restraints, and impaired driving

- » Young drivers are not as efficient as more experienced drivers in processing the visual information needed to drive safely while attending non-driving tasks at the same time. Teenagers often don't get enough sleep. Crashes resulting from driver fatigue are the most severe. Young drivers can underestimate how changing conditions, such as wet weather, can increase road risk. Moderating speed can significantly reduce road deaths and serious injuries.
- » The zero alcohol limit applies to all drivers under 20 years old. It doesn't matter whether you're on a learner, restricted or full licence.
- » Discuss these issues with your young driver and consider developing a contract with conditions and incentives.

Do you know someone struggling to obtain their licence due to significantly limited access to a vehicle, supervising driver or financial means? Contact the road safety coordinator at Taupō District Council who can put you in touch with community service providers in the district who may be able to provide support. Phone 07 376 0720 to discuss.

A guide to driver licencing in the Taupō District

He kaiarahi mo te raihana taraiwa motoka i te rohe o Taupō

“Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu”

Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.



Learn the Road Code

Online

drive.govt.nz

nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode

roadcodepractice.co.nz

Book

NZ Road Code (available at school and public libraries) or purchase for \$25

Learner – Tāura

6+ MONTHS

Skills and practice

Passed the theory test	Supervised at all times*	Display L plate
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*Supervised driver must have held a full driver licence for at least two years

Teaching someone to drive?

'Drive' is a free website and learning tool created by the New Zealand Transport Agency and ACC. The website has lessons and hints and tips. drive.govt.nz

Parents and caregivers play a key role in guiding and promoting safe driving behaviours

Where?

- » Quiet roads and empty car parks are a good place to start.
- » Plan your route in advance

Cost

Learner licence application	\$48.20
Learner licence theory test	\$45.70

Where to book the test?

AA Taupō

3 Tamamutu St, Taupō
07 378 6000

aa.co.nz/drivers/driver-licences

*You must bring two kinds of identification every time you book a test.

NZQA - Level 1 Credits 2

Restricted – Aukati

18+ MONTHS*

Solo experience

Passed practical test	No passengers without supervision**	No solo driving between 10pm-5am
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*12months with an approved advanced driving course certificate

**With some exception.

Why the restrictions?

- » Driving at night – Young drivers are more likely to be involved in a fatal crash at night due to inexperience and reduced vision after dark so limiting driving after dark to 10pm reduces the risk
- » No passengers – Driving with a car full of peer passengers increases the chance of having a fatal crash by **four times** compared to driving alone.

Young drivers are more likely to crash on their restricted licence than at any other time in their life

Cost

Restricted licence application	\$48.20
Restricted licence practical test	\$86.60

Where to book the test?

AA Taupō

3 Tamamutu St, Taupō
07 378 6000

aa.co.nz/drivers/driver-licences

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NZQA - Level 1 Credits 2

Full – Kai

Full licence privileges

Passes practical test	If 25+ years when applying for a full licence, restricted period is six months*
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*3 months with an approved advanced driving course certificate

Cost

Full licence application	\$49.60
Full licence practical test	\$59.90

Where to book the test?

AA Taupō

3 Tamamutu St, Taupō, 07 378 6000

aa.co.nz/drivers/driver-licences

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NZQA - Level 2 Credits 2

The law

	Fine	Demerit points
Learner driver unaccompanied	\$100	35
Learner's overseer held full licence less than 2 years	\$100	35
Learner's overseer not seated as near as practicable to driver	\$100	35
Learner carried pillion passenger on a motorcycle or moped	\$100	35
Learner licensee failed to display an L-plate	\$100	25
Aided learner to drive unaccompanied	\$100	35
Restricted driver unaccompanied between 10pm and 5am	\$100	35

100 or more demerit points in 2 years = suspended from driving